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*. . . As the days of a tree shall  
be the days of thy people, and  
my chosen shall long enjoy the  
work of their hands.*

ISAIAH 65:22

To those thirty-three brave souls who  
had the faith and the vision to take  
leave of the parent church and thus  
lay the enduring foundations of the  
Central Congregational Church, this  
book is dedicated.

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REV. ISAIAH C. THACHER  
1849 - 1852    --    1856 - 1860



REV. RICHARD G. WOODBRIDGE  
1893 - 1901



CHURCH AND CHAPEL  
100 Years Ago



REV. JOHN B. LAWRENCE  
1889 - 1893



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1907 - 1914



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1915 - 1917



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1921 - 1936



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1936 - 1945



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1902 - 1907



REV. JOSEPH B. KETTLE  
1918 - 1921



CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Before church was rebuilt in 1892



HISTORY OF THE  
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In recording the history of the Central Congregational Church of Middleborough, one must look much deeper into the past than the year 1847 when the church was founded. The church traces its lineage back to the Mayflower. The landing of the Pilgrims in Plymouth was an event which cast its shadow two hundred years hence, for the Pilgrim Fathers were in truth the fathers of the Central Congregational Church.

The Pilgrims and their families migrated southward from Plymouth and in 1662, on land purchased from the Indian Sachem Wampatuck, established a meetinghouse which became the First Congregational Church of Middleborough, mother church of the Central Congregational Church which in 1947 is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary.

As years passed, activity centered more and more around the "Four Corners" in the Central Village. Many families had built residences in this section of the town and were finding it difficult to attend worship at a church some three miles distant.

The first movement toward establishing another meetinghouse came in January, 1842, when the following signed an agreement to associate together for the purpose of building a house of worship:

Wilkes Wood	Lemuel G. Peirce
Ebenezer Pickens	Isaac Benson, 2d
Philander Washburn	Jesse Holmes
Aarad Thompson	William H. Vaughan
John Perkins	Dexter Phillips
Branch Harlow	Lothrop Shurtleff
Nathan King	Daniel Atwood
Andrew J. Pickens	Silas Tinkham
George Soule	Mrs. Elizabeth Whitmore
Hercules Thomas	

The outcome of this movement was a chapel, built in 1843 on a location where now stands the Middleborough Cooperative Bank. The same chapel, in a different location, is in use today as a parish house of the church. Here in the chapel Sunday and mid-week services were held, usually conducted by the minister from the First Church.

Almost two hundred people were attending meetings in the chapel. The group was known as the Central Congregational Society and the time had come to form themselves into a legal organization. On February 16, 1847, steps were taken to accomplish this when one hundred and eight persons signed the following statement:

“The undersigned agree to be and become members of a religious society in the town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth by the name of the Central Congregational Society in Middleborough to worship in the Central Village of that town.”

The next step was a petition dated February 16, 1847, presented to Zachariah Eddy, one of the justices of the peace, to issue a warrant for a meeting:

“The undersigned, being members of and qualified voters in the religious society called “The Central Congregational Society in Middleborough,” being unincorporated and without officers, request you to issue a warrant, directed to one of the undersigned, requiring him to warn the qualified voters of said society to assemble at the chapel in the Central Village at a time and place to be therein mentioned. . . . .”

Philander Washburn  
Nathan King  
Horatio Wood  
John Perkins  
Branch Harlow  
James M. Pickens

The first meeting of the Society was held on March 2, 1847. Ebenezer Pickens presided and Nathan King was chosen Clerk; Horatio G. Wood, Moderator; Branch Harlow, Treasurer; William King, Collector. The Prudential Committee consisted of Philander Washburn, Ebenezer Pickens and Joseph Sampson, Jr. Assessors were George Pickens, Jr., Nathan Perkins, Jr., and Lothrop Shurtleff. It was voted “to invite all members of churches in regular standing who are members of this Society to form a church in connection with this Society.” Horatio G. Wood, Ebenezer Pickens, John Perkins, Philander Washburn and Joseph Sampson, Jr., were appointed a committee to procure a clergyman to supply the pulpit and to act with the church at its organization. A committee to select a suitable place for a meetinghouse consisted of Philander Washburn, James M. Pickens, Branch Harlow, Joseph Sampson, Jr., and Adoniram J. Cushman. The following were chosen to pro-

cure a plan or draught for a meetinghouse: Sidney Eaton, Joseph Sampson, Jr., and Philander Washburn.

A very definite and courageous step toward organizing the new church was taken when on March 12, 1847 at a meeting at the First Church, specially called to consider the subject of the formation of a new church at the Four Corners Village, the following memorial was presented:

To the Pastor and Members of the First Church of Christ in Middleborough:

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

The undersigned, members of said Church, have, after mature reflection and prayerful consideration, come to the conclusion that it is their duty to ask a dismissal from this Church, with the view of being organized into a distinct Church to be known by the name of the Central Congregational Church in Middleborough, for the purpose of establishing religious worship in connection with the Central Congregational Society recently formed at the Central Village in this town, and the undersigned humbly present their request to the Church, praying that they may be dismissed for the above named object, under the direction and advice of an Ecclesiastical Council to be hereafter called, and when the undersigned shall have been organized into a distinct Church that their particular connection with this Church shall be dissolved.

Cornelius Burgess

Mrs. Betsy T. Burgess

Mrs. Melissa Burgess

Mrs. Zilpha M. Clarke

Adoniram J. Cushman

Mrs. Ann S. Cushman

Mrs. Mary Dunham

Mrs. Almira Goddard

Mrs. Olivia A. Hitchcock

Miss Sarah Jackson

Nathan King

Mrs. Ann S. Perkins

John Perkins

Nathan Perkins, Jr.

Mrs. Abigail S. Pickens

Miss Caroline M. Pickens

Ebenezer Pickens

Mrs. Mary B. Pickens

Mrs. Ruth Reed

Consider Robbins

Mrs. Freelove P. Rounseville

Mrs. Betsy Thomas

James Warren

Mrs. Margaret Warren

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Washburn

Mrs. Bathsheba Wilder

James D. Wilder

Mrs. Abigail W. Wood

Mrs. Elizabeth Wood

Miss Eleanor B. Wood

Miss Emily T. Wood

Horatio G. Wood

Miss Hope Wrightington



Whereupon the following preamble and vote having been moved and recorded, were unanimously agreed to and passed:

Whereas, after much consideration, conference and prayer, the Church have become satisfied that the cause of Religion would be promoted by the establishment of public worship in the Central Village of the town now called "Four Corners" and that it is expedient that a portion of the Church should colonise and be organized into a separate Church for that purpose, and

Whereas, the above named brethren and sisters, now in regular standing in this Church have by their Memorial applied for letters testimonial and of dismission with a view to such organization, therefore—

Voted, That such letters be given them by the Pastor in the name and behalf of the Church, expressing also our deep sensibility and pain in parting with them, our earnest prayers for their prosperity in the enterprise and our hope of Christian fellowship with them in their new church state . . . . .

Rev. I. W. Putnam.

On March 25, 1847 the Ecclesiastical Council requested was held in the chapel at the Four Corners to approve the plans for the new organization. The Council consisted of Reverend Elijah Dexter and Brother William Soule from the church in Plympton, Reverend David Brigham and Brother Levi Leach from the church in Bridgewater and Reverend Edward N. Kirk and Brother Jerome W. Tyler from Mount Vernon Church, Boston. Reverend Dexter was chosen Moderator and Brother Tyler, Scribe. This Council examined the request for dismissal from the First Church, the proposed Article of Faith and Covenant and then proceeded to the service of organizing the Church, the ceremony taking place at one and a half o'clock. The order of service was as follows:

Readings of the doings of the Council by its Scribe

Singing — Chorus

Scripture and Prayer — Rev. J. K. Bragg

Singing

Sermon — Rev. Edward N. Kirk

Singing — Blest be the Tie that Binds

Reading of Confession of Faith and Covenant

Prayer of Consecration — Rev. Elijah Dexter

Right Hand of Fellowship—Rev. Israel W. Putnam

Singing

Prayer and Benediction — Rev. David Brigham



In behalf of the petitioners, the following statement, signed by Horatio G. Wood, Ebenezer Pickens and John Perkins was presented to the Council:

Among the reasons which have led the above named members of said Church to ask a dismission for the aforementioned purpose, the following are submitted for the consideration of the Council:

1. That the Doctrines of the Holy Scriptures and the influence of evangelical principles will be brought to bear on a greater number of individuals in this vicinity than they now do. Should the proposed enterprise be carried into effect, it is believed that many individuals both adults and children would be induced to attend on the means of Grace who now seldom or never feel the effects of Divine Truth on their minds.
2. That a constant and gradual increase of the population in this section of the Town renders the proposed organization desirable and important.
3. That the Central Congregational Society recently organized in this place have expressed a desire that a Church may be formed to cooperate with them in the support of Divine Worship in this vicinity.
4. That the pecuniary sacrifices and subscriptions that have been made to effect the proposed object are among the strongest reasons in favour of the enterprise and are considered an evidence that the time has arrived when it is a duty to engage in the proposed measure.
5. That many individuals in this vicinity, professors of religion and others, are under the necessity either of staying away from the House of God, attending worship where they do not as a denomination belong, or of making sacrifices to attend worship where they wish, which are extremely inconvenient and expensive.
6. That the prosperity of the Congregational Order which they profess to love, and which they believe to be the Order of the Gospel and consequently bound to support, demands an effort of the kind proposed.
7. The time and circumstances under which the proposed separation is to take place are highly favourable. The time is a time of peace, though they deplore the spiritual coldness which reigns among them, the separation will not be the result of internal animosity or divisions, but on the contrary, it is a time of tranquility, confidence and brotherly kindness, and as evidence of this the petitioners beg leave to refer to the doings of the Church touching this matter where it will appear that the Church cordially and unanimously came to the conclusion that though the

measure in itself was extremely painful and unpleasant, yet on the whole desirable and proper and voted the dismissal accordingly.

8. It is hoped that this enterprise is undertaken with some sense of the importance of the work and duties assumed and with a desire to do something as unworthy instruments in the hands of the great Head of the Church in promoting his Glorious Cause and Kingdom, and should this Council think proper to organize the petitioners into a distinct Church they hope it shall hereafter appear that they were led to the measure by the unerring hand of God and that it was undertaken with feelings of the utmost respect, confidence and kindness towards the beloved Pastor, Brethren and Sisters of the Church with whom we have taken sweet council and walked to the House of God in company. They also desire that they may have a spirit of supplication for, and have the prayers of, the Pastor and Church from whom they separate, and of this respected Council, that both Churches may prosper and be built up in the Faith, Order and Fellowship of the Gospel.

And now the petitioners pray that this Council will after having considered the subject, proceed to organize them into a Church if they shall deem such a measure advisable.

When plans for the new church were being discussed and formulated, letters were sent to persons out of town who might be interested in contributing toward the new venture. One interesting letter included in the early records is dated April 9, 1847, and was received from Mrs. Charity Pickens, 42 Bowdoin Street, Boston. It was addressed to Ebenezer Pickens.

Dear Brother: I received your letter a few days since in which you mention that you have formed a new church in Middleboro and requested a little assistance from me. I with much pleasure comply with your suggestion and present the Central Congregational Church with a Communion Service and a Christening Basin. I wish them much success in their attempts to raise up the Society and build a Meetinghouse, and hope they will be abundantly blessed by our kind Heavenly Father and have a good faithful Minister and that many may be added to the Church of such as shall be saved.

Yours truly,  
C. Pickens.

A grateful acknowledgement from the church was sent Mrs. Pickens by Horatio G. Wood.

It is interesting to note that the first legacy received by the church



was from one of the thirty-three members dismissed from the First Church, when Hope Wrightington in her will left to the poor of the church all her wearing apparel, to be distributed by the deacon or deacons under the direction of the Church. The church voted that the deacons make the distribution according to their best judgement and discretion.

Some of the members of the newly organized Society formed themselves into an organization to promote the erection of a meeting house and on March 29th, 1848 drew up the following agreement, signed by twenty-six persons who constituted the first share-holders in the Central Congregational Church:

We the undersigned do hereby agree to take and pay for the number of shares set against our respective names the shares not exceeding one hundred dollars each, for the purpose of erecting a meeting house for the Central Congregational Society in Middleboro in the vicinity of the four corners, the precise place of location and time of erection to be decided by a majority of the shares, provided eighty shares can be obtained and when a meeting of the share holders shall be called pursuant to personal or written notice given by the first subscriber thereto to each of the share holders.

We hereby agree to pay to the treasurer who shall be chosen at such meeting or his successor in office the amount of our respective subscriptions for the purpose aforesaid in such installments and at such times as the said meeting or any other meeting of share holders called in such manner as shall be determined at such first meeting shall determine.

Names	No. of		Names	No. of	
	Shares	Amount		Shares	Amount
Ebenezer Pickens	5	\$500.	Joseph Jackson	1	100.
Andrew J. Pickens	5	500.	John G. Vaughan	1	100.
James M. Pickens	10	1000.	Lucy Bourne	5	500.
George H. Doane	1	100.	Lucy C. Wood	3	300.
Philander Washburn	10	1000.	John Perkins	3	300.
William A. King	2	200.	Sidney Eaton	2	200.
William S. Peirce	1	100.	Ellen T. King	2	200.
Isaac Lane	1	100.	Horatio G. Wood	2	200.
Jacob G. Sparrow	1	100.	Joseph Sampson, Jr.	5	500.
Silvanus W. Reed	1	100.	Zacheus Eddy	2	200.
James H. Harlow	2	200.	William C. Leonard	1	100.
Lothrop Shurtleff	1	100.	Branch Harlow	10	1000.
Allen Shaw	2	200.			
James W. Warren	1	100.			\$8000.

Many were the sacrifices on the part of these founders of the church. It is reported one subscriber gave the first \$1000 he ever earned, another drawing \$200 out of a capital of only \$500 and others with large families struggling to pay \$75 per year for the support of their church.

The first meeting of the newly organized Central Congregational Meetinghouse Association was held on March 30, 1848. The first officers were: Ebenezer Pickens, Chairman; Joseph Sampson, Jr., Secretary; Philander Washburn, Treasurer. Committees to work in cooperation with committees from the Society were: Committee to Select a Lot, Andrew J. Pickens, Branch Harlow, James H. Harlow; Committee to Examine Churches and Procure Plans, Sidney Eaton, Andrew J. Pickens, Branch Harlow, Philander Washburn. A month later a Building Committee was appointed comprised of Philander Washburn, Joseph Sampson, Jr. and James M. Pickens.

The Committee whose duty it was to choose a lot found much difficulty in making a selection. Those offered included one belonging to Joseph Jackson "near the school house," another near the house of Ben Burgess and owned by Colonel Peter H. Peirce, and one and one-quarter acres belonging to Thatcher and Waterman, each of which could be purchased for \$600. Jacob G. Sparrow offered one acre for \$300 and Elisha Tucker an acre for \$400. Zachariah Eddy would sell a lot near his grove for \$500 provided he could procure a lot on which to move his law office. The problem was solved when Philander Washburn offered to give the land for the church.

The Building Committee of the Society and of the Meetinghouse Association reported their contract with Messrs. Peirce and Eaton required that 20% of the contract be paid when the church was raised, 20% when the outside was finished and 10% when plastered, the balance in thirty days after the Meetinghouse was completed. The contractor was given until the twenty-fifth of November, 1848 to complete the task. The contract was signed for \$6250 and the final cost of the Meetinghouse was \$8000.

Various methods were suggested for raising money to defray the expense of the new edifice. The one to receive the most favor was that of appraising the pews, apportioning the cost of the building equally among the seventy-seven pews remaining after two pews were reserved as free seats and Pew Number 80 set aside for the minister and his family. Members were to bid for the pews, this "choice" money to be used to "warm the house and to finish the underpart of the Meetinghouse."



Joshua Eddy and Oliver Eaton were appointed a committee to appraise the pews. The price as set by them ranged from \$15 to \$203. The auction was held at four o'clock on the day of the dedication of the church, and as a result the church was dedicated free from debt.

Reverend John Storrs, who had been preaching in the chapel, was the first minister to receive a call to the new church. The first baptism recorded to have taken place after the Central Congregational Society was organized is that of Hellen Maria Storrs, who was baptized by her father, Reverend Storrs, on July 23, 1848. It was voted to extend a call to Mr. Storrs provided \$700 could be obtained for the support of worship. The Committee entered into lengthy negotiations with Mr. Storrs, but no satisfactory agreement could be reached. Reverend Isaiah C. Thacher was next recommended. Mr. Thacher was then preaching in Mattapoisett. An unanimous call was given him and on August 16, 1849 occurred the memorable occasion of a joint ceremony, the installation of the first Pastor and dedication of the new Meetinghouse.

The new branch of the church grew and prospered under the guidance of Reverend Thacher. To Mr. Thacher it was "a wonderfully interesting period, with all the enthusiasm and hope of youth, both in the church and its minister." Mr. Thacher was first and last an evangelist, and his evangelistic preaching resulted in a remarkable increase in church membership. The Central Congregational Church was indeed fortunate in its first minister. He molded the church in its beginning, stamped it with his personality, and the rich results are evident even to this day.

On November 23, 1852 Mr. Thacher ended his affiliation with the church. Reverend William C. Dickinson was his successor and was installed as pastor on April 12, 1854, remaining until February 4, 1856. Upon his resignation, an unanimous invitation was extended to Reverend Thacher to return to "settle with us in the gospel ministry and take pastoral charge of this church and Society."

Mr. Thacher, then preaching at South Dennis, did not accept at once. He considered \$700 an inadequate salary. By valiant efforts the Committee obtained enough pledges to assure Mr. Thacher an annual salary of \$1000. Some of these pledges came from the ladies of the parish who expressed a desire to contribute to the cause.

The payment of pledges was slow and in some cases not at all, so that it was necessary to remind members that "all members who subscribed voluntarily for the support of the gospel should be bound to pay the amounts subscribed as they would pay any other just demands against

them." The financial problem did not lessen and it was suggested funds be augmented by an assessment on the pews, each assessment to be based upon the valuation of the pew-owner's property as it appeared on the tax bills of the town.

The church was experiencing one of the most difficult periods of its entire history. The Civil War was pending and business was prostrated. To those in charge of church affairs, it seemed the church was often the last to be considered financially.

Reverend Thacher ended his second pastorate on April 2, 1860. A call was extended to Reverend Harvey M. Stone of Maine. Mr. Stone had filled the pulpit for a year and then was invited to become the permanent pastor. The call was not unanimous, and learning of it, Mr. Stone sent a letter stating that while he held pleasant remembrances of Middleborough and a high esteem for those with whom he became acquainted, he was not so influenced on the whole as to leave him without hesitation as to what might be his duty. He wrote, "I do not fancy running into opposition much; it generally comes soon enough and fast enough unsought."

His fears were set at rest, he accepted the call and was installed on April 18, 1861. Mr. Stone must often have doubted the wisdom of his decision, because financial matters of the church went from bad to worse. Mr. Stone's salary was \$1000 per year, but when he had been with the church only six months, subscriptions were so dilatory that it was necessary to ask him to accept a reduction in salary. Mr. Stone rose handsomely to the occasion. In a letter to the Committee he reminded them that he had been under very heavy expense in moving and setting up housekeeping and that the cost of living in Massachusetts so exceeded that in Maine that \$1000 here was scarcely better than \$800 in Maine. He wrote, "We can yet retrench some more in food and raiment, and do without a 'man servant and maid servant' and other conveniences. And by so doing I propose to subscribe the amount of one hundred dollars."

This splendid response from Mr. Stone spurred the Finance Committee to prompt and energetic action. They issued a statement, "whether money was to be raised by assessing pews or taxing members, nothing would be more disastrous than for matters to remain as they are, professing to be a religious society engaged in carrying forward the work of the moral and religious training of the community, yet failing to fulfil the first principles of moral duty in neglecting to pay out voluntarily assumed obligations."



The Treasurer informed the committee members not a dollar could be raised upon the credit of the church. The Committee urged that at least they pay up their present indebtedness, give a reasonable notice to Reverend Stone of inability to pay his salary and "close up the doors of the sanctuary until such times as we shall consider it a duty and a privilege to honestly support the public worship of God."

Mr. Stone was informed that the church would be able to pay him only \$700 of his salary, which brought forth his resignation "because of want of proper support past and prospective and in view of the financial state and embarrassment of the parish."

The outlook for the Central Congregational Church was indeed a dark one. But by the Fall of 1863 matters took a turn for the better. The Committee worked long and diligently devising ways of meeting the crisis. The solution adopted was that of a roll call, each member responding to his name by stating the amount he would pay toward the expenses of the Society. Pledges were received to the amount of \$4940.

With this encouragement, a call was sent to Reverend Stephen G. Dodd, who was installed July 11, 1866 and remained as pastor for four and one half years. Succeeding Mr. Dodd were Reverend Ellis R. Drake, who served the church from 1871 to 1876, and Reverend Henry M. Grant, who enjoyed nine happy and fruitful years as leader of the Church.

Financial matters were still troublesome. In 1873 the church was barely solvent with only \$33.92 in the treasury. At this time weekly subscriptions were solicited. Boxes were placed in the vestibule and those attending service were asked to place in them their contributions. Some did not take advantage of this opportunity and a few Sabbaths later it was voted to have the boxes passed among the congregation and to have the treasurer at Sunday morning service read a statement of the financial status of the church together with the amount of collections during the previous month.

In these early days of the church, going to church was an all day affair. Families came and brought their dinner and supper. There were services in the morning and afternoon and oft times in the evening.

In those days, too, any backsliding in church attendance was immediately investigated. If a member was absent four Sundays in succession a committee was appointed to interview the backslider and inquire the reasons of his forsaking the church. In the first instance recorded, a husband and wife could make no satisfactory explanation and were ex-communicated from the church. Another was re-instated in

good grace only after writing a letter of confession and penitence and making a verbal confession before the congregation. If it was discovered any member had fallen into wicked practices, a committee of church members, usually including a deacon, called upon the erring one and saw to it that he repented and resumed his way along the straight and narrow path.

Ladies took almost no part in the business affairs of the church until 1868 when on August 6th it was voted that the female members of the church be authorized and invited to participate in the election (of deacons) and in any business action of the church. The first record of any ladies being chosen to serve on a committee occurred at the Annual Meeting of March 5, 1883, when it was voted that two ladies, Mrs. A. W. Thompson and Miss Abby Tinkham, be added to the committee to procure subscriptions for the support of the Gospel.

In 1871 a movement was inaugurated to acquire an organ, and on May 8, 1871 subscribers presented an organ to the church. An organ concert was given to raise money for a "choire," and the Prudential Committee was instructed to engage an organist and two soloists.

At this time, the organ was located in the gallery at the back of the church with two rooms on either side for use of the organist and choir. Among the members of that early "choire" were Mrs. Henry W. Sears, Mrs. Helen Barrows, James and Andrew Pickens, Ivory Harlow and J. Frank Jenckes.

In December, 1885, the first music committee was elected and the thanks of the parish extended to Mr. Andrew Pickens for his long and faithful services as chorister. No one was eager to serve on the new committee and one by one resigned as their name was presented. At last it was voted to elect by ballot a music committee of three, the three persons having the largest number of votes to be the committee. Mr. Calvin D. Kingman, Mr. David B. Monroe and Mr. Alfred W. Thompson were declared elected, but all three refused to serve. The records of the meeting close with these words, "Voted to leave the care of the music in the hands of the Prudential Committee for the present."

It was voted in 1887 to invite all the young people in the Society to sing in the choir. At the same time the Prudential Committee was instructed to confer with Levi P. Thatcher to see if he could be procured to lead and instruct the choir. Mr. William H. Robinson was organist at this time.

Mr. Thatcher accepted the invitation to lead the choir on the fol-



lowing terms: that Mrs. E. F. Wood be engaged to sing, that he would select his own choir, act in consultation and harmony with the pastor, would furnish his own music for a year, and would ask no remuneration but the use of the church twice a year for concerts.

Mr. Thatcher continued his leadership until April 6, 1896. At the annual meeting of that date resolutions were adopted extending to Mr. Thatcher heartfelt thanks for his unremitting and unrewarded labors.

The following year the Music Committee included in its annual report a statement that in the fifty years of the church no leader of the choir had asked for or received remuneration for services. Immediately money was raised by private subscription to engage Mr. T. W. Sherman of Taunton to be chorister for one year.

Because of ill health, Reverend Grant found it necessary to conclude his pastorate on May 15, 1868. A call was extended to Reverend John B. Lawrence of South Norwalk, Connecticut. Mr. Lawrence was installed March 26, 1889 and it was during his pastorate that the church was remodelled and rebuilt as it is today, being raised from a one-story to a two-story building.

On April 7, 1873 the Society voted to grant the parish liberty to finish off a vestry under the church with the privilege of raising the church if necessary. At this same meeting was discussed the possibility of procuring more land necessary for the addition.

The Church Parlor Society, composed of ladies of the church, were very much interested in the project of remodelling the church and in 1887 they came forward with an offer to pay \$500 needed for the land.

The following tribute was paid the Church Parlor Society in a report by the Chairman of the Building Committee, Mr. Henry W. Sears: "The first movement made in the work of rebuilding our church was the organization of the Church Parlor Society which was organized January, 1884, and at once commenced active work to assist in raising funds for the much coveted church parlors. We do well tonight if we fully appreciate the good work this Society have done in this cause, the result of which in a measure is the building we dedicate tonight, and which, but for them we feel we should be without. This Society worked three years before any action was taken toward church improvement. When it was necessary to make a canvas for funds for the work of remodelling, the Church Parlor Society, with the aid of one of the Deacons, raised something more than \$10,000 in pledges."

In 1888 the church appointed George E. Doane, George L. Soule and

George W. Copeland a committee to be known as the Church Improvement Committee, to act in the matter of enlarging the church. This Committee and the Church Parlor Society worked together to procure plans for a building to contain Sunday School rooms, church parlors and other rooms necessary to take care of church activities. Plan after plan was considered, some allowing for an extension at the rear of the church, others for raising the church building.

At a meeting on May 13, 1889, a committee of five was appointed to have entire charge of the matter of church extension with full powers to appoint sub-committees, raise the money and carry out the work. This committee consisted of Calvin D. Kingman, Charles E. Leonard, George H. Shaw, George W. Copeland and Henry W. Sears. There were several changes in the committee and when the rebuilding was begun the committee consisted of Henry W. Sears, Chairman, Calvin D. Kingman, Charles E. Leonard, Mrs. J. B. Lawrence and Mrs. A. W. Thompson.

Mr. T. W. Silloway, an architect from Boston, submitted a plan to utilize the basement of the church by raising the building six feet, the floor two feet and building an addition on the rear of the church to accommodate the organ and church parlors. The estimated cost was \$12,000. It was unanimously voted to adopt this plan and the church property was mortgaged for \$12,000.

From a report at the re-dedication services after the work was completed we learn that the church structure was raised six feet from its original foundation, which was done under the supervision of Charles C. Tinkham, the whole of the lower story was new, the rear end of the church was removed and an addition built, a large portion of the front end was carried forward, the spire straightened and its architecture changed. The balcony and all of the interior of the auditorium was new even to the floor.

Previous to the remodelling, the choir and organ was at the rear of the church in a balcony which went straight across the back of the auditorium. The platform was lower than the present one, furnished with a sofa and two chairs, and a pulpit so large it hid the furniture as well as the minister, when he was seated. The pews were narrow with high, straight backs and with doors at the ends. Both pews and doors had a rail of light, ornamental wood. At the time of remodelling many of these pew doors were bought as souvenirs by church members, and the ends of the pews were utilized as wainscoting in the vestry.

On the post of the door leading from the auditorium into the hall



on the left of the platform can be seen skillfully worked into the graining of the wood the names of the architect, painter and builder:

T. W. Silloway, Architect

J. B. Lamb, Builder

H. A. Sparrow, Painter

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While the church was being renovated, the organ was sent to the factory in Cambridge, Massachusetts and repaired, enlarged and equipped with a water motor.

A new bell was installed, the gift of a generous citizen of the town. This was the fifth bell to be placed in the tower, three having cracked after being in use but a few years.

Henry W. Sears, Chairman of the Building Committee, and as Clerk of the church, wrote an excellent report of the work done and from his account the following is taken:

“Our church after having held the Sabbath morning service and the Sabbath School its session in the Town Hall since last May, was permitted to occupy their church today (February 23, 1892) although the service had been held in the vestry for several weeks. As we return to our church we find hardly anything in the interior to remind us of what it was when we left. Surely the Lord has blessed us in permitting us to have so pleasant a place to work.”

On the morning of February 23, 1892, Reverend Lawrence preached an historical sermon, and in the evening re-dedication services were held. A dedicatory prayer was offered by Reverend Lawrence and a dedicatory sermon preached by Reverend Francis E. Horton of Providence, Rhode Island. The speakers and their subjects were as follows:

Deacon James M. Pickens	Early Members
Deacon Calvin D. Kingman	Early Officers
Deacon David B. Monroe	Early Social Work
George Henry Shaw	Former Revivals
Rev. Charles W. Wood	Former Pastors

In Mr. Sears' report acknowledgement was made of the following gifts:

To the Church Parlor Society for the purchase of the land and the furnishings of the parlor and kitchen.

To Mr. William R. Pierce for the gift of a bell.

To the Social Circle for the carpets, and to the Good Will Society for a contribution toward same.

To George L. Soule for the pulpit furniture.

To members of the former X. V. Society for the parlor mantle, chancel, plates, electric lights over the two entrances and for rugs.

To the Christian Endeavor Society for the vestry organ.

To young ladies of the Sunday School and children of the Kindergarten who, from the proceeds of the "Broom Drill" Entertainment furnished the Primary Department.

To the young men of the Society who furnished the Pastor's room.

To the Home Mission Society for its contribution towards the purchase of chairs for the vestry.

To Mrs. Joseph T. Wood for aid in purchasing the piano for the parlor.

To Mr. L. P. Thatcher for aid in grading about the church.

To the Junior Christian Endeavor Society for the silver pulpit vase.

To Mr. F. W. Hayden for the clock in the vestry.

On the Friday evening following the re-dedication services, a banquet took place in the vestry for members of the church and the congregation. Honorable John C. Sullivan acted as toastmaster and many of the gentlemen present were called upon for remarks.

The cost of remodelling the church was much greater than anticipated, \$26,994.97. When the work was completed there was a debt of \$11,000, but this was nearly all paid by the annual meeting of 1894, and at this meeting the remaining debt was pledged to be paid by individuals within three years. Thus, for almost the first time in its history, the church was free of debt.

Now that there was sufficient room within the church for all its activities, the chapel was rented for business purposes. This arrangement continued until 1927 when the land was purchased by the Middleborough Cooperative Bank that a new bank building might be erected, and the chapel was moved to its present location to be used as a parish house.

While the many physical changes had been taking place in the church edifice, changes were also being wrought within the organization of the church. The decision was made to incorporate into one the two organizations which had existed in the church since its beginning. On July 30, 1889, the Central Congregational Meetinghouse Association



voted to transfer all properties of the church, all papers and records relating to the organization to the clerk of the Central Congregational Church Corporation. This was accomplished and the Central Congregational Meetinghouse Association, which had fostered and guided the church since 1848, ceased to exist.

In like manner, on October 1, 1889, all records and documents belonging to the Central Congregational Society were transferred to Ebenezer Pickens, Clerk of the Central Congregational Church Corporation. Thus ended the existence of the Central Congregational Society whose members so many years ago had the vision and the faith to leave the First Church at the Green and lay the foundations of the new church.

The Central Congregational Church Corporation was incorporated September 9, 1889, and continued under that name until April 3, 1893 when it was voted to shorten the name to Central Congregational Church.

Reverend John B. Lawrence shepherded the church through a strenuous period of change and progress. On March 31, 1893 he resigned to go to the Congregational Church at Claremont, New Hampshire.

During the pastorate of Reverend Richard G. Woodbridge, who succeeded Mr. Lawrence, the church enjoyed the most active period of its existence. Mr. Woodbridge came from the First Avenue Congregational Church of New York City and began his pastorate on the first Sunday of June, 1893.

Inspired by the efforts and enthusiasm of Mr. Woodbridge, many of the organizations of the church had their beginning, and the church welcomed a large number of new members. It was Mr. Woodbridge's custom to deliver a course of lectures on Sunday evenings during each winter. At the suggestion of Mr. Woodbridge, the first Union Thanksgiving Service was held November 29, 1894, the meeting being held in the Town Hall with addresses by local pastors and music by Carter's Brass Band.

Especially gifted as a preacher, Mr. Woodbridge was known far and wide for his excellent and eloquent sermons. In October, 1897, the New York Herald opened its columns to a sermon contest, sermons to be not more than one thousand words in length. For the best sermon the writer was to receive one thousand dollars. This prize was awarded on March 3, 1898 to Mr. Woodbridge for his sermon entitled, "The Power of Gentleness." Mr. Woodbridge preached the sermon in this church Sunday morning September 26, 1897. Many letters were received by Mr. Woodbridge from all parts of the country, thanking him for his sermon

and the help and comfort it had given to the readers. A few years ago the sermon was reprinted in a pamphlet and distributed to members of the Church of the Ascension of New York City.

The condition of the contest stated that the money was to be devoted "to the benefit of his church, or to any charity the writer should think worthy, the actual distribution of the amount being left to the writer's own judgement and discretion." On Easter Sunday, April 10, 1898, Mr. Woodbridge presented the church three hundred and eighteen copies of a new hymn book, and a hymn tablet to be placed in the front of the church auditorium.

The same month, members of the church voted to adopt individual communion cups in favor of the large ones then in use. On Communion Sunday, May 1, 1898, individual cups were used for the first time, the new communion set having been purchased by the ladies of the Social Circle with money obtained from the sale of printed copies of Mr. Woodbridge's Prize Sermon.

During the ministry of Mr. Woodbridge, the church reached its fiftieth milestone and fittingly celebrated the occasion. There was a week of rejoicing and enthusiasm. Assisting the pastor was an Anniversary Committee consisting of George H. Shaw, Arthur H. Leonard, Henry W. Sears, Ebenezer Pickens and Mrs. Alfred W. Thompson.

The celebration began with Anniversary Sunday, April 4, 1897. Rev. Richard G. Woodbridge preached a noteworthy Anniversary Sermon, choosing as his text Isaiah LXV:22, "As the days of a tree shall be the days of my people, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands."

On Sunday evening there was a sacred cantata, "The Miracles of Christ," under the direction of T. W. Sherman, chorister, with Miss Miranda A. Overhiser at the organ and Mrs. N. N. Barrows, Mrs. E. F. Wood and Mr. A. B. Monroe, soloists.

Monday afternoon at three o'clock the annual meeting took place with a banquet at six-thirty o'clock. At the head table were local pastors and their wives, and also Mrs. Emily L. Crane and Colonel Nathan King, charter members of the church who could recall the days of 1847 when the church was organized. Reverend Woodbridge acted as toastmaster; George L. Soule told anecdotes of the early days of the church; George H. Shaw spoke of the good work accomplished by the first pastor, Reverend Isaiah C. Thacher; Miss Harriet Burgess read a paper replete with entertaining reminiscences of the women of 1847; Reverend Rufus K.



Harlow, a former member and at that time pastor of the Medway Congregational Church, recalled boyhood days in the church parish; Samuel J. Elder of Boston offered congratulatory remarks; Honorable John C. Sullivan reviewed the pastorates of past ministers; George E. Doane spoke of the early officials of the church; Harry LeBaron Sampson, youngest member seated at the head table and an undergraduate at Dartmouth, addressed the company on the work of young people in the church past, present and future.

The week's celebration concluded on Thursday with exercises in the auditorium of the church. Salutations were brought by other churches and Reverend Smith Baker, D.D., of Boston delivered an address, "What the Church of Christ Should Be and Do Today." In the evening a session of reminiscences was enjoyed with the following speakers:

Rev. Rufus K. Harlow	Looking Backward
Calvin D. Kingman	The Sunday School and Its Superintendents
Foster A. Harlow	The Prayer Meeting
James M. Pickens	The Oldtime Singing
Joshua Sherman	Seasons of Refreshing

That the church appreciated the worth and efforts of its pastor is attested by their vote on May 22, 1898 to solicit money to pay the expenses of Mr. Woodbridge on a trip abroad. Leaving for Europe June 29, 1898, Mr. Woodbridge remained away until the end of August, his vacation extended until that time.

It was with much regret the members learned Mr. Woodbridge had received and accepted a call to the Prospect Hill Congregational Church of Somerville, Massachusetts. His resignation was accepted November 21, 1901.

Of necessity, there is much less to record during the second half century of the life of a church. The greatest activity and effort have been expended in putting the church on a firm foundation. At the end of fifty years this had been well accomplished.

Reverend Samuel M. Cathcart succeeded Mr. Woodbridge as pastor, coming from Chelsea, Massachusetts to begin his ministry September 21, 1902. A very scholarly man, of more than ordinary mental attainments, Mr. Cathcart was always a champion of the cause of education, and an untiring worker for temperance. The first Baccalaureate Service for High School graduates to be held in the church took place June 19, 1904 with Mr. Cathcart delivering the sermon. At Mr. Cathcart's suggestion, the office of deaconess was created and on July 10, 1904 a special service

was held inducting the first deaconesses into office. The first to hold this office were Mrs. Almira J. Bennett, Mrs. Faustina Roberts and Mrs. Sarah L. Barrows. The first mention of a children's Sunday appears in the records as June 11, 1905, with Mr. Cathcart conducting the service and baptizing several infants. Mr. Cathcart resigned January 31, 1907 to return to Rhode Island where he had held previous pastorates.

Reverend Norman McKinnon became the next leader of the church, beginning his pastorate on October 25, 1907. Mr. McKinnon came to the church at a critical period in its history, but he very soon succeeded in creating a unified and prosperous parish. During his ministry the church attained the largest membership in its career. Mr. McKinnon often remarked that his years in Middleborough were the happiest and most congenial in his Christian experience. Both he and Mrs. McKinnon made a large group of friends inside the church and throughout the town. There was a mutual regret and sadness when Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon and their five children left to take up their new duties in Utica, New York. Mr. McKinnon concluded his pastorate January 31, 1914.

Reverend Newell C. Maynard came to the church during the unsettled years of the first World War, May 29, 1915. He was a young man and had a natural gift for working with young people. Forty-four members united with the church during Mr. Maynard's stay, many of these young people, joining on confession of faith. The Every Member Canvas for church funds was inaugurated during Mr. Maynard's pastorate. On December 31, 1917, Mr. Maynard concluded his ministry, having accepted a call to the Center Church at Haverhill, Massachusetts.

On April 1, 1918, Reverend Joseph B. Kettle began his pastorate in Middleborough, coming from Leominster, Massachusetts. Many difficulties beset Mr. Kettle's term of service because of war conditions. A shortage of fuel necessitated the omission of many church services. During winter months, union services were held to conserve fuel, and wood instead of coal was used in church furnaces.

Armistice Day, November 11, 1918, in the early hours of the morning, Mr. Kettle proceeded to the church and rang the church bell in unison with other church bells, whistles and fire alarm. The Central Congregational Church was the first to fly the flag from a church tower that day. Twenty years before the national ensign was unfurled for the first time from the church tower when it was raised as an emblem of inspiration during the War with Spain, May 5, 1898.

On November 12, 1918, Mr. Kettle invited other churches to unite



in this church from ten to eleven o'clock in the morning to hold a service of prayer and thanksgiving for victory.

A most impressive service was held on May 12, 1918 when the first observance of Mother's Day was held in the church with Mr. Kettle preaching an appropriate sermon and each mother in the congregation receiving a white carnation presented by a corps of six girls dressed in white.

Mr. Kettle resigned on March 21, 1921 to accept a call to the South Congregational Church of Rochester, New York.

Reverend John P. Garfield succeeded Mr. Kettle, coming from Rochester, New Hampshire to begin his pastorate September 11, 1921. Mr. Garfield introduced many new church activities, almost all of which are continuing to be a part of the church program. He made it a custom to have Easter and Christmas pageants, and of having a Youth Sunday when young people of the church conduct the morning service.

Mr. Garfield expended much time and effort recruiting new members and on May 7, 1922, a group of eighty-eight men and women united with the church, the largest number ever received at one service. During Mr. Garfield's pastorate he welcomed into the church fifty-five members by letter, two hundred and forty-nine on confession of faith and baptized two hundred and two infants and two hundred and seventeen adults.

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield brought with them a fine New England background and the best educational equipment for their life work that they knew how to acquire. Mrs. Garfield was a companion during many of the years Mr. Garfield was acquiring his education and continued to be his helpmeet and companion throughout their life work.

Mr. Garfield retired from the Central Congregational Church and from active ministry May 15, 1936, ending the longest term of service of any pastor in the history of the church.

On Sunday morning, May 19, 1935 a baptismal font was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Lizzie E. B. Tillson. This was presented to the church by David W. Burgess, Superintendent of the Sunday School, and accepted for the church by Wilson G. Harlow. A statement for the Committee for Purchasing the Font was made by Mrs. Ernest S. Pratt. Reverend Newell C. Maynard accepted an invitation to return and preach the sermon.

The church suffered a disastrous fire on Sunday, December 2, 1923. At two fifteen o'clock in the morning the church was discovered to be afire, the fire centering in the lower rear portion of the building. Furnish-

ings of the parlor were completely destroyed, the main room of the vestry damaged and the entire building smoked and stained to a degree to require complete redecorating. The damage was estimated from \$13,000 to \$15,000, wholly covered by insurance.

Invitations were received from many of the churches to unite with them until repairs could be made and it was decided to accept that of the Central Methodist Church. Services in the church were omitted one Sunday, and at the invitation of the Methodist Church, the Co-Workers held their Christmas sale and entertainment there on the Wednesday following the fire.

At the time repairs were made to the church, new linoleum was laid on the floor of the auditorium and the rostrum enlarged, a row of pews removed to make room. Rolling partitions were installed in the vestry and the kitchen remodelled.

On November 19, 1924, a re-dedication service was held. Special music was offered under the direction of Mr. Wirt B. Phillips, greetings were brought from local churches and a sermon preached by Reverend John E. LeBosquet of the First Congregational Church of Fall River. A prayer of dedication was offered by Reverend John P. Garfield.

While repairs caused by the fire were being made it seemed an auspicious time to install the new organ for which for many years the church and the Co-Workers had been collecting a fund. On April 20, 1924 a special meeting was called to discuss the matter. In a report by the President of the Co-Workers, Mrs. L. Ardelle Wood, it was pointed out that since May, 1902, the Co-Workers had been making yearly bank deposits to build up a fund for a new organ. In 1905 Mrs. Julia Copeland left in her will a sum of money to be used toward a church organ. The Co-Workers proposed, if the church would appropriate its organ fund together with any proceeds from the sale of the old organ and any fire insurance received on the organ, to contribute their own organ fund and agree to assume responsibility for raising such additional money as might be required.

The new organ, made by Hook and Hastings of Kendall Green, Massachusetts, cost about \$8,100. The entire front of the old organ was retained and incorporated into the new organ. The old organ, installed in 1876, was played for the last time at an Easter pageant on April 12, 1925. Miss Annie Keith, organist, played a postlude of her own composition. The new organ was dedicated on Good Friday evening, May 22,



1925, with an organ recital by Alton Bancroft Paull of Fairhaven, Massachusetts.

The church had another narrow escape from fire damage on April 23, 1930, when a slight fire was discovered on the roof, but was prevented from spreading by prompt discovery by the sexton, Mr. Arthur H. Denham.

Reverend David J. Julius came to the church at a time when again the world was about to be embroiled in another war. He began his pastorate October 18, 1936, leaving the Congregational Church at Middlefield, Massachusetts to come to Middleborough. The world was plunged into war soon after Mr. Julius took up his duties and he and Mrs. Julius helped fortify the church against the departure of more than one hundred young people into the armed forces. Despite the hardships attendant upon war years, Mr. Julius' achievements included putting the church property into excellent physical condition, increasing the number and size of subscriptions and achieving the largest membership in the life of the church. He maintained an active youth program and guided the young people of the church into spiritual maturity. Before his departure, July 31, 1945, to become Associate Pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Mr. Julius had laid the foundations for the celebration of the church's one hundredth anniversary and had readied the church for a voyage into its second century.

Reverend Ralph B. Edwards, sixteenth pastor of the church, commenced his pastorate on February 3, 1946. Mr. Edward's previous pastorate had been at the Atlantic Memorial Church of Quincy, Massachusetts. His ministry at the Central Congregational Church has been marked by an increased attendance at church services and by many new activities in the social and spiritual life of the church. A "Couples Club" has recently been organized with Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Drake as the first Presidents, an organization which promises to take a permanent and prominent place among the organizations of the church. Both the pastor and his wife have constructive and far-seeing plans for the future of the church, and the members consider themselves particularly blessed in having the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards as the church enters its second century.

A history of the church could not be concluded without mention of some of the loyal workers in the church. The organists have played an important part in the services of worship. There is no complete record of early organists, but the name of William H. Robinson is mentioned in

1887 and that of Miss Miranda A. Overhiser in the later 1800's. Miss Annie Keith became organist at the turn of the century and continued to preside at the organ and direct the choir until 1933. Mr. Raymond Leach was organist and choirmaster from 1933 to 1942, when Miss Leonice Thompson took over these duties. The Music Committee was particularly fortunate to secure the services of George R. Austin in 1944 who continues to fill the position of chorister and organist to the great satisfaction of all.

Little is known of the early sextons of the church. In 1889 W. H. Marshall served in this office, and the first sexton after the church was rebuilt in 1892 was Alvin P. Vaughan. He continued as sexton until 1903, when he was succeeded by the following: Henry K. Ellis, William H. Goodwin, Mervin C. Hamilton, Stillman H. Willis, Charles H. Goodwin, Arthur H. Denham, and in 1941 to the present writing, Christie B. Crowell.

Some who deserve special mention in the early days of the church are Philander Washburn, who gave the land for the church, a faithful worker for the church from the day of its beginning, although he did not become a member until some thirty years later; Calvin D. Kingman, long a deacon of the church and who, each Sunday for many years, furnished and arranged flowers from his own greenhouse for Sunday morning worship.

Mr. George Henry Shaw's name will ever be identified with the history of the church. Mr. Shaw was an adviser of every minister from the beginning of the church until his death in 1922. He was most generous financially, always wishing the best for the church. A fine evangelist himself, he many times filled the pulpit of some church so that minister might come to preach at the Central Congregational Church. Mr. Shaw was instrumental in founding Grove Chapel in Lakeville and often preached there himself. On May 10, 1910, a special Communion Service was held commemorating the fact that sixty years ago that day Reverend George Washburn and George Henry Shaw were received into the membership of the church.

George Washburn, son of Philander Washburn, was one of the most distinguished members sent out into the world from the Central Congregational Church. Mr. Washburn joined the church May 5, 1850. On July 9, 1863, he sent a communication to the church stating that he expected to go in about four weeks on his second visit to Turkey as a missionary; that when he went the first time he was not ordained and that it would be desirable that he should be. He requested the church to unite with



him in calling a Council to carry this into effect. An Ecclesiastical Council was held in the church on July 29, 1863 at which time Mr. Washburn was ordained.

Mr. Washburn remained in Turkey many years, becoming President of Robert College. Whenever he returned to America, he was a frequent visitor at the church, and at one Sunday evening service when he was present a collection was taken to purchase a flag for Robert College. Mr. Washburn remained a member of the church until August 23, 1878, when at his request his membership was transferred to the Amherst College Church, Amherst, Massachusetts.

Reverend Rufus Kendrick Harlow was for many years pastor of the Congregational Church of Medway, Massachusetts. He became a member of the Central Congregational Church May 5, 1850 and on October 15, 1868 was ordained in the church at a ceremony at which two other ministers were also ordained, Reverend W. T. Ober and Reverend I. Wilson Ward. Mr. Harlow was present and took part in the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the church in 1897.

Lathrop Grant, a son of a former minister, Reverend Henry M. Grant, entered the ministry and later returned to preach in this church.

Of a later generation, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard O. Tillson served the church long and well. Mr. Tillson, who died November 23, 1941, had filled many offices in the church, serving as clerk at the time of his death. In resolutions passed at the annual meeting following his death, the church expressed its appreciation and esteem in these words: “. . . . In the death of Leonard O. Tillson the church has lost a faithful officer, an untiring worker, a wise counsellor whose genuine Christian character was so reflected in his daily life as not only to furnish an example worthy of emulation on the part of all who knew him but actually to promote the cause of the church itself because of the universal recognition of his sincerity in the practice of its principles.”

Mrs. Lizzie E. B. Tillson was in charge of the Primary Department of the Sunday School for many years, and it is particularly fitting that a baptismal font was presented the church in her memory. Mrs. Tillson is enshrined in the hearts of countless women who once were members of her Sunshine Missionary Girls. Mrs. Tillson's death occurred on December 29, 1930.

Mr. Henry W. Sears was one who served his church in many capacities over a long period of years. He joined the church May 6, 1883 and ten years later was chosen deacon, serving repeatedly in this office during

the forty-five years he was a member. For thirty years, from 1892 to 1928, he served as clerk of the church and his records are a model of accuracy and fullness of detail. He was known throughout the State as a representative of the Central Congregational Church, so often did he serve as delegate at councils and conferences; he was head usher; President of the Men's Class; Chairman of the Building Committee when the church was rebuilt and of the committee who revised the by-laws and articles of faith. His love for the church was revealed in his careful performance of every duty. Mr. Sears died May 19, 1928.

At the time this history is written, Mrs. Martha Pickens Sears, wife of Henry W. Sears, is the oldest surviving member of this church in terms of years of membership, having been baptized in the church by Reverend Israel W. Putnam December 1, 1860 and uniting with the church July 6, 1873. Mrs. Sears is a faithful attendant at all church services and has been an active member of the Co-Workers since its organization.

Mrs. Faustina (Mrs. James F.) Roberts is the member having attained the greatest age, celebrating her ninety-seventh birthday February 22, 1947. She became a member of this church April 19, 1874.

Honorable mention should be given to those who continue to serve the church after many years of devotion to duty. Miss Carlana Luippold has given unsparingly of her time and efforts to the Sunday School. She has served in many capacities, in all departments of the school, and in the past twenty-five years has repeatedly filled the office of Superintendent. Theodore N. Wood has served as Moderator at Annual Meetings continuously since April 1, 1919. Albert A. Thomas in this centennial year of 1947, is observing his fortieth year as Treasurer of the church.

To the late Arthur H. Denham and Mr. and Mrs. Horace A. Vaughan go much credit for information about the early days of the church, and to Mrs. Ernest S. Pratt for her invaluable assistance in gathering historical material and aid in preparation of this history.

What of the future of the Central Congregational Church? The first one hundred years are ended. May what has been accomplished in the past be repeated and enlarged in the coming years. In the words of Reverend Richard G. Woodbridge in his Anniversary Sermon on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of this church:

"A church is not made strong by its history, its creed, its organizations, its members, its wealth, nor its form of worship; a church is made strong by the work it does."



FIRST ORGANIZERS OF  
CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY  
FEBRUARY 16, 1847

We the undersigned agree to be and become members of a Religious Society in the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth by the name of the Central Congregational Society in Middleborough to worship in the Central Village in that Town.

Horatio G. Wood  
John Perkins  
Ebenezer Pickens  
Philander Washburn  
Nathan King  
Branch Harlow  
Nathan Perkins, Jr.  
George Pickens, Jr.  
James M. Pickens  
Andrew J. Pickens  
Isaac Lucas  
Sidney Eaton  
George H. Doane  
Malachi Burrell  
Cornelius S. Burgess  
Hercules Thomas  
Adoniram J. Cushman  
Elijah Burgess  
Edmond W. Dean  
James Warren  
Jesse Holmes  
James D. Wilder  
Lothrop Shurtleff  
Edmund Haskins  
Joseph Sampson, Jr.  
William A. King  
George Shaw  
Allen Shaw  
George W. Wilbur  
James H. Harlow

Jacob B. Shaw  
Nathan Cobb  
William Rounds  
E. W. Drake  
Jabez Sherman  
Ebenezer Gammons  
James W. Warren  
George King  
Joseph Clark  
Apollos G. Alden  
Dexter Phillips  
Jacob S. Sparrow  
Lewis T. Warren  
William H. Wood  
William S. Peirce  
Ephraim Fuller  
Isaac Bump  
Henry Arnold  
Andrew Gardner  
Joshua Sherman  
George Back  
John Shaw, Jr.  
Amos Thomas  
Henry D. Bassett  
Nathan B. Dunbar  
Noah C. Perkins  
John McLoud  
Eben T. Soule  
Ralph Copeland, Jr.  
Henry Denham

Galen Haskins  
Foster A. Harlow  
Joshua C. Jenney  
G. H. Shaw  
Horatio Barrows  
Richard Tiner  
Rufus K. Harlow  
George L. Soule  
Charles E. Leonard  
Abiel Wood  
Sidney Tucker  
Frederick O. Burgess  
Sylvanus Morse  
Elam C. Knight  
Joseph Sampson  
Freeman Shaw  
Otis L. Tinkham  
Eleazer Richmond  
Cephas Bumpus  
Daniel Lucas  
William B. Wood  
Samuel Williams  
Martin P. Standish  
J. B. Tillson

Warren F. Tinkham  
James H. Weston  
Edward Sparrow  
Bradford G. Harlow  
N. M. Tribou, Jr.  
Adna (?) Clark  
Jonathan H. Peckham  
Joseph C. Baker  
John C. Vaughan  
Benjamin Richmond  
J. W. King  
Stillman Pratt  
Isaac Clark  
Joshua Whitmarsh  
James H. Babbitt  
William Shiverick  
Charles M. Rogers  
Edward H. Sparrow  
Alden Miller  
Sylvester Clapp  
James A. Burgess  
Harrison Haskins  
John Sidwell  
Jacob Atwood



**PEW OWNERS**  
**PEWS PURCHASED AT AUCTION ON DAY OF DEDICATION**  
**CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**AUGUST 16, 1849**

Pew No.	Appraisal	Choice	Purchaser
1	\$15.00	.00	Nathan King
2	20.00		
3	30.00		
4	40.00	.00	Cornelius B. Wood
5	50.00	.50	Branch Harlow
6	60.00	.00	Cornelius B. Wood
7	65.00	1.00	Andrew J. Pickens
8	75.00	1.00	Ebenezer Pickens
9	85.00	1.00	James W. Warren
10	95.00	10.00	George H. Doane
11	110.00	12.50	Jacob B. Shaw
12	120.00	15.00	Branch Harlow
13	125.00	.00	Silvanus W. Reed
14	135.00	.00	Zacheus Eddy
15	130.00	.00	Philander Washburn
16	125.00	2.00	James M. Pickens
17	105.00	.50	Branch Harlow
18	95.00		
19	120.00	.00	Branch Harlow
20	120.00	.50	John Perkins
21	95.00	.00	John Perkins
22		Reserved-free pew	
23		Reserved-free pew	
24	15.00	1.00	Philander Washburn
25	20.00	1.00	Philander Washburn
26	30.00	1.00	Philander Washburn
27	40.00	1.00	Philander Washburn
28	50.00	5.00	Philander Washburn

Pew No.	Appraisal	Choice	Purchaser
29	60.00	2.00	Andrew J. Pickens
30	65.00	.00	James Cole, Jr.
31	75.00	.00	J. H. Shaw
32	85.00	1.00	James M. Pickens
33	95.00	5.50	Israel W. Thompson
34	110.00	1.50	Joseph Sampson, Jr.
35	120.00	30.00	Philander Washburn
36	125.00	21.00	James M. Pickens
37	135.00	9.00	Philander Washburn
38	130.00	1.50	James M. Pickens
39	125.00	6.00	Ebenezer Pickens
40	105.00	.50	Philander Washburn
41	95.00	.00	Joseph Sampson, Jr.
42	120.00		
43	120.00		
44	95.00	.00	Silvanus Hinckley
45		Reserved-free pew	
46		Reserved-free pew	
47	20.00	.50	Branch Harlow
48	20.00	.00	James M. Pickens
49	30.00	.00	
50	30.00	.00	Ebenezer Pickens
51	45.00	1.00	Noah C. Perkins
52	45.00	.00	Horatio G. Wood
53	65.00	1.00	James M. Pickens
54	65.00	.00	Joseph Sampson, Jr.
55	90.00	.50	Ebenezer Pickens
56	90.00	.50	John Perkins
57	102.00	.00	Joseph Sampson, Jr.
58	102.00	1.00	William C. Leonard
59	123.00	10.00	James M. Pickens
60	123.00	10.00	Andrew J. Pickens

Pew No.	Appraisal	Choice	Purchaser
61	140.00	6.00	James M. Pickens
62	140.00	6.00	Joseph Sampson, Jr.
63	150.00	5.50	Sidney Eaton
64	150.00	8.00	Andrew J. Pickens
65	160.00	6.50	Eleaser Richmond
66	160.00	6.50	Noah C. Perkins
67	183.00	40.50	Branch Harlow
68	183.00	40.00	William H. Wood
69	193.00	47.50	James H. Harlow
70	193.00	47.50	William A. King
71	203.00	47.00	Nathan King
72	203.00	30.00	Andrew J. Pickens
73	203.00	47.50	Mrs. Allen Shaw
74	203.00	41.00	Philander Washburn
75	203.00	47.50	Lucy Bourne
76	203.00	40.00	Branch Harlow
77	193.00	48.00	James M. Pickens
78	193.00	45.00	Ebenezer Pickens
79	164.00	31.00	Horatio G. Wood
80		Reserved	

### FORM OF DEED FOR PURCHASE OF PEWS

The proprietors of the Central Congregational Church Meeting House in Middleborough in consideration of ..... Dollars paid by ..... hereby sell and convey to said ..... Pew No. .... in said Meeting House. To have and to hold to said ..... and to his heirs and assigns forever. In witness whereof the undersigned, a committee duly authorized have hereunto set the seal of said proprietors this ..... day of ..... one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

Proprietors of the Central Congregational  
Meeting House in Middleborough



PLAN OF PEWS

95	120	120	95	Reserved	
18	19	20	21	22	23

PULPIT

	Reserved	95	120	120	95
46	45	44	43	42	41

17	105	164	79
16	125	193	77
15	130	203	75
14	135	203	73
13	125	203	71
12	120	193	69
11	110	183	67
10	95	160	65
9	85	150	63
8	75	140	61
7	65	123	59
6	60	102	57
5	50	90	55
4	40	65	53
3	30	45	51
2	20	30	49
1	15	20	47

80	Reserved	105	40
78	193	125	39
76	203	130	38
74	203	135	37
72	203	125	36
70	193	120	35
68	183	110	34
66	160	95	33
64	150	85	32
62	140	75	31
60	123	65	30
58	102	60	29
56	90	50	28
54	65	40	27
52	45	30	26
50	30	20	25
48	20	15	24

# PASTORS OF THE CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ISAIAH C. THACHER

Installed August 16, 1849

Dismissed November 23, 1852

WILLIAM C. DICKINSON

Installed April 12, 1854

Dismissed February 4, 1856

ISAIAH C. THACHER

Installed April 16, 1856

Dismissed April 2, 1860

HARVEY M. STONE

Installed April 18, 1861

Dismissed March 31, 1863

STEPHEN G. DODD

Installed July 11, 1866

Dismissed January 11, 1870

ELLIS R. DRAKE

Installed September 20, 1871

Dismissed May 10, 1876

HENRY M. GRANT

Installed September 25, 1879

Dismissed May 15, 1888

JOHN B. LAWRENCE

Installed March 26, 1889

Dismissed March 13, 1893

RICHARD G. WOODBRIDGE

Commenced June 4, 1893

Installed November 9, 1893

Dismissed December 31, 1901

SAMUEL M. CATHCART

Commenced September 21, 1902

Installed November 11, 1902

Dismissed January 31, 1907

NORMAN McKINNON

Commenced October 25, 1907

Ended January 31, 1914

NEWELL C. MAYNARD

Commenced May 29, 1915

Ended December 31, 1917

JOSEPH B. KETTLE

Commenced April 1, 1918

Ended March 1, 1921

JOHN P. GARFIELD

Commenced September 11, 1921

Installed June 5, 1923

Dismissed May 15, 1936

DAVID J. JULIUS

Commenced October 18, 1936

Installed April 21, 1937

Dismissed July 31, 1945

RALPH B. EDWARDS

Commenced February 3, 1946

## BIOGRAPHIES OF PASTORS

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### REV. ISAIAH C. THACHER

1849-1852

1856-1860

Rev. Isaiah C. Thacher was born at South Dartmouth, Massachusetts July 2, 1815. As a boy he planned to go to sea but was converted at a revival meeting and dedicated his life to the ministry. He prepared for college at Monson and Wilbraham Academies in Massachusetts and Kingston Academy in Rhode Island. In 1837 he entered Union College, Schenectady, New York and was graduated in 1841. The same year he entered Yale Theological Seminary, graduating in 1844, and at once began his active ministry.

Mr. Thacher's first pastorate was at Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. Here he was ordained and installed on Christmas Day, 1844. In January, 1845 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Hyde who died before Mr. Thacher began his ministry in Middleborough. Mr. Thacher began his pastorate at Middleborough in 1849, a joint ceremony installing him as pastor and dedicating the new church edifice taking place on August 15, 1849.

There was a great spiritual awakening during Mr. Thacher's pastorate and the church grew, as, inspired by Mr. Thacher's ministry, many joined the church. While in Middleborough, Mr. Thacher married Miss Mary C. Hyde, a sister of his first wife, who was the mother of four of his five children.

Leaving the Middleborough church November 23, 1852, Mr. Thacher went to South Dennis, Massachusetts. After preaching there four years, he was recalled to Middleborough and began his second pastorate here on April 16, 1856. Mr. Thacher was a great evangelist and again there was a steady growth in membership.

Because of the declining health of Mrs. Thacher and the doctor's advice that they live by the sea, Mr. Thacher ended his pastorate in Middleborough on April 2, 1860 and removed to Gloucester. Here he became pastor of the Congregational Church. His wife died in that city in



1865 and a year later Mr. Thacher married Miss Lydia W. Proctor of Peabody.

Mr. Thacher was installed as pastor of the First Congregational church of Wareham, Massachusetts October 27, 1870. While there he became almost totally blind. He prepared his sermons with the aid of his wife and daughters, and had to be led in and out of the pulpit, but none of the vigor of his sermons was lost. After a time his eyesight improved somewhat and in 1877 Mr. Thacher went to Lakeville, Massachusetts where he continued to serve until failing health forced him to resign in 1880.

Mr. Thacher and his family removed to Peabody, his wife's former home and here he passed away on March 16, 1880.

### REV. WILLIAM C. DICKINSON

1854-1856

Very little is known of the ministers immediately following Rev. Isaiah C. Thacher. Rev. William C. Dickinson was installed on April 12, 1854 and concluded his pastorate February 4, 1856. His ministry occupied the period between the first and second pastorates of Rev. Thacher. One who knew Mr. Dickinson said, "He was a man of quiet and simple manners, scholarly in his habits and possessor of a large share of the Christian graces."

(Hon J. C. Sullivan at 50th Anniversary Banquet)

### REV. HARVEY M. STONE

1861-1863

Rev. Harvey M. Stone began his pastorate in Middleborough April 18, 1861 and severed his connection with the church March 31, 1863. Mr. Stone was described as "a man of imposing presence, dignified in his manner, affable and genial in his intercourse with the people, although lacking in that energy and aggressiveness which characterized his immediate predecessor. Still he was a man who had large influence over the people by the calmness and consistency of his Christian life."

(Hon. J. C. Sullivan at 50th Anniversary Banquet)

## REV. STEPHEN G. DODD

1866-1870

Rev. Stephen G. Dodd was installed July 11, 1866 and concluded his services with the church January 11, 1870. Of him it was said, "he was a man who was a profound thinker, a man of vast resources, a man of broad scholarship, a man with wonderful powers in reserve, who, when aroused, was almost a veritable son of thunder. It seems as though he was far superior to any of his predecessors in the mental grasp on those great truths which underlie all the preaching which he usually presented to us. He was a man of wonderful power and resources."

(Hon. J. C. Sullivan at 50th Anniversary Banquet)

## REV. ELLIS R. DRAKE

1871-1876

Rev. Ellis R. Drake came to us from Wayland, Massachusetts, and resigned to go to the Trinitarian Congregational Church of Northfield, Massachusetts. He was installed September 20, 1871 and left to go to Northfield on May 10, 1876. Those who knew Mr. Drake remembered him as "a man who came in obedience, like Saint Paul, to a heavenly vision. It seemed he was a man who came among us determined to know nothing else among men but Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. He was a man of great spiritual power, a man who devoted himself exclusively to the spiritual development of this church."

(Hon. J. C. Sullivan at 50th Anniversary Banquet)

## REV. HENRY M. GRANT

1879-1888

Rev. Henry M. Grant's pastorate was one of three of the longest in the history of the church and the longest at the time he was pastor of this church. He was installed September 25, 1879 and dismissed May 15, 1888. He was much beloved and when it was necessary for him to resign because of ill health, the church passed resolutions in which "they recognized with thankfulness the spirit of peacefulness and harmony which has characterized his pastorate of more than nine years; we ap-

preciate his gentlemanly instincts, his social ability, his scholarship, his virtue and above all his noble Christian character.”

## REV. JOHN B. LAWRENCE

1889-1893

Rev. John B. Lawrence came to the Central Congregational Church from South Norwalk, Connecticut, being installed March 26, 1889. Mr. Lawrence was a fiery and dynamic preacher and had the courage of his convictions, bearing down hard on whist playing, dancing and other amusements he regarded as vice. His views were somewhat ahead of his time and were not always looked upon with approval by his parishioners. He favored having a band concert to attract persons not accustomed to attending church. He tried it once and among the large group present were seventy persons who were not church-goers. One project he tried very hard to carry through was to make the chapel, not then in use, into a gymnasium. The scheme was smothered. He was described as a man thin and wiry, with blue-black eyes and wavy black hair and a determined chin. But his four years were among the most prosperous in the church history. The church grew numerically and physically. It was during Mr. Lawrence's pastorate that the church was remodelled, being raised from a one story building to the two story edifice it is today.

Mr. Lawrence resigned March 13, 1893 because of ill health. He later became pastor of the Congregational Church at Claremont, New Hampshire.

## REV. RICHARD G. WOODBRIDGE

1893-1901

Rev. Richard G. Woodbridge was born in England and came to this country when a boy of fifteen years of age. His early education was received in Christ Church School, Hampstead, London. In Mr. Woodbridge's words, "the same spirit that brought me across the water—the spirit of liberty—carried me out of the Episcopal Church in which I was baptized and confirmed, into the Congregational church." Interested in business, he took a business course in New York City and entered



business life. Becoming active in church work, he resolved to give his entire energies to the Christian ministry.

Mr. Woodbridge prepared for the ministry by study at Bangor Seminary from which he graduated with honor in 1880. He accepted a call to a church in Iowa City, Iowa, going from there to a six year term of service at the Forest Avenue Congregational Church of New York City. On November 9, 1893 he began his pastorate in Middleborough. From the Central Congregational Church, which he left on December 31, 1901, Mr. Woodbridge went to the Prospect Hill Congregational Church of Somerville, Massachusetts, and later was pastor of the Congregational Church at Vergennes, Vermont. Following this term of service, Mr. Woodbridge retired and returned to Middleborough where he lived until his death, July 6, 1921. Mrs. Woodbridge died June 6, 1943 and both are buried at the Nemasket Hill Cemetery in Middleborough.

The years of Mr. Woodbridge's ministry were distinguished as being among the most active in the history of the church. He organized numerous societies among the young people and older groups and gave courses of lectures each winter. In 1898 he was awarded a prize of \$1000.00 in a sermon contest sponsored by the New York Herald. This sermon, "The Power of Gentleness," Mr. Woodbridge preached in the Central Congregational Church Sunday morning, September 26, 1897. During Mr. Woodbridge's pastorate the church observed its Fiftieth Anniversary.

## REV. SAMUEL M. CATHCART

1902-1907

Rev. Samuel M. Cathcart received his early training at the Mt. Hermon School at Northfield where he spent four years. While at Northfield, he met and married Miss Harriett Hall, a close friend of Mrs. Dwight L. Moody. After leaving Northfield, Mr. Cathcart engaged in an evangelistic tour of New York State with the late Dwight L. Moody, and then spent some months abroad. On his return he accepted a call to the Congregational Society in Westerly, Rhode Island, after which he enrolled in the Yale Theological School, graduating in 1895 with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. He took a post graduate course the following year and in 1896 accepted a call to the Third Congregational Church of Chelsea, Massachusetts.

Mr. Cathcart began his pastorate in Middleborough September 21, 1902 and concluded it January 31, 1907. Returning to Rhode Island, he preached in the Pawcatuck Congregational Church of Westerly, Rhode Island and at his death, October 1, 1937, Mr. Cathcart was Pastor Emeritus of this church. Mrs. Cathcart died March 15, 1930.

Mr. Cathcart was prominently identified with denominational work in this part of the State, serving with distinction in several important capacities.

### REV. NORMAN McKINNON

1907-1914

Rev. Norman McKinnon was a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, coming to the United States in 1862. His early education was received in the common schools of Scotland. When his parents sailed to America, they arrived in Boston and there made their home. Mr. McKinnon entered the Boston Classical Institute and later attended the Bangor Theological School of Bangor, Maine, graduating in 1892. Two years later he was graduated from Bowdoin College, after which he accepted a call to St. John, New Brunswick, where he remained a year, returning to Boston to enter Harvard Divinity School. He was graduated from this school in 1896 with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. He served parishes in Foxcroft and Augusta, Maine and in Cliftondale, Massachusetts.

Mr. McKinnon began his pastorate in Middleborough October 25, 1907 and remained until January 31, 1914. From Middleborough he went to Utica, New York where he remained five years, returning to Massachusetts to the Congregational Church at Franklin.

In 1896, Mr. McKinnon married Miss Etta Whitehouse of Topsham, Maine and there are six children, Elizabeth, Francis, Donald, Mary, Normena and Marjorie, who, with Mrs. McKinnon, survive him. Mr. McKinnon died in December, 1919.

Of a very congenial, friendly nature, Mr. McKinnon had an unusually large circle of friends in Middleborough. He was revered, respected and loved by all who knew him. He drew many people into the church and during his ministry the church attained the largest membership in its career.



## REV. NEWELL C. MAYNARD

1915-1917

Rev. Newell C. Maynard was born in Marshfield, Maine, November 26, 1880 and received his early education in the schools of Marshfield, at Machias High School and Bucksport Seminary, Bucksport, Maine. In 1901 he was licensed as a local preacher by the East Maine Methodist Episcopal Conference, Bucksport district. In 1902 he was called to the pastorate of the Methodist church in China, Maine and the following year accepted a call to become pastor of the Congregational church in Milford, Maine.

In 1904 Mr. Maynard entered Bangor Theological Seminary. In 1905 he was called to the pastorate of the Congregational church in Lincoln, Maine and in 1907 was graduated from the Bangor Theological Seminary. The same year he became assistant pastor of the Eliot Congregational Church of Newton, Massachusetts. After a year of travel in Europe, he entered Dartmouth College, specializing in psychology and graduating in 1910 with an A.B. degree. For another year he travelled on this continent and in 1911 accepted a call to the South Congregational Church of Peabody, Massachusetts. In 1913, Mr. Maynard was selected by the National Society for Broader Education to lecture on psychology with residence at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Mr. Maynard began his pastorate in Middleborough on May 29, 1915, remaining as pastor of the Central Congregational Church for two years. He then accepted a call to the Center Church at Haverhill, Massachusetts, concluding his ministry in Middleborough December 31, 1917.

Shortly after Mr. Maynard's removal to Haverhill, an endowment was given Tufts College stipulating that Mr. Maynard should head the department of Oratory and Public Speaking. This position Mr. Maynard held until his death which occurred on February 25, 1943.

Mr. Maynard married Miss Olive Henderson Dunne, who survives him. They had one son, Paul, who recently met a tragic death when the plane on which he was travelling from New York to Boston exploded and burned.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Maynard were much interested in young people.



Mr. Maynard was superintendent of the Sunday School and greatly increased the membership. Mrs. Maynard organized the White Church Guild, a society for young women which has grown to be the largest organization in the church.

## REV. JOSEPH B. KETTLE

1918-1921

Rev. Joseph B. Kettle was born in Elton, New York. He was graduated from the Jamestown, New York, High School and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Colorado College and the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from the Yale School of Religion, Yale University. During college and seminary vacations, Mr. Kettle was employed by the Home Missionary Society in the East and West, working among miners, fishermen and factory workers, experiences which proved valuable training for his future work. Before graduating from Yale School of Religion, Mr. Kettle received a call to the church of Greenfield Hill, Connecticut, and was ordained and installed at this historic church.

From Greenfield Hill, Mr. Kettle went to Rapid City, South Dakota. After three years he accepted a call to Amboy, Illinois and from there went to St. Joseph, Missouri. Remaining here a little more than five years, Mr. Kettle was called to Leominster, Massachusetts, where he served the Congregational Church for nearly eight years.

Mr. Kettle began his pastorate in Middleborough on April 1, 1918. After a ministry of three years, he resigned to take effect March 21, 1921, having accepted a call to the South Congregational Church of Rochester, New York. In 1926, Mr. Kettle answered a call to the South Congregational Church at Utica, New York and during his ministry a new church was built and the membership more than doubled. From Utica, Mr. Kettle went to Spencerport in 1930, later accepting a call to Holly, New York, where he died at his home on September 18, 1944.

During the early years of his first pastorate Mr. Kettle married Miss Grace Gilbert of Grand Junction, Colorado. They had three sons, Joseph, Lester and Arthur. Mrs. Kettle died on the first New Year's Day of their stay in Middleborough. Before leaving Middleborough, Mr. Kettle mar-

ried Miss Anna L. McMillan of Gloucester, Massachusetts, who survives him, making her home in Holly, New York.

Mr. Kettle was devoted to his spiritual duties. He held many meetings on the Sabbath and weekdays, and during the week he spent much time calling on the aged and ill members of the parish.

## REV. JOHN P. GARFIELD 1921-1936

Rev. John P. Garfield was born in Peterboro, New Hampshire, March 5, 1873. Mr. Garfield prepared for college by four years of study at Worcester Academy, graduating in 1894, and graduated from Amherst College in 1898, following which he was appointed principal of the Conant High School in Jaffrey, New Hampshire. After one year of teaching he began a three years course of study at the Hartford Theological Seminary. Graduating in 1902, he accepted a call to the Congregational Church in Enfield, Connecticut, where he remained five years. While there he was ordained to the ministry on October 30, 1902. From Enfield Mr. Garfield went to the East Congregational Church of Cleveland, Ohio and in 1909 was called to the Congregational Church in Claremont, New Hampshire. From 1917 to 1921 he served as pastor of the Congregational Church of Rochester, New Hampshire, resigning to begin his work at the Central Congregational Church of Middleborough. His term of service began September 11, 1921 and was concluded May 15, 1936, his being the longest pastorate in the history of the church as well as in Mr. Garfield's thirty-four years of Christian ministry.

On December 30, 1902, Mr. Garfield married Miss Julia French Owen. They have two sons, Owen R. and John F. Garfield.

At the close of his ministry in Middleborough, Mr. Garfield retired from active service and became ad-interim pastor, serving many churches in the vicinity of Taunton, where Mr. and Mrs. Garfield have established their permanent home, and in Rhode Island.

While in Middleborough, Mr. Garfield instituted a vigorous recruiting of membership. During his pastorate, 304 united with the church and he baptized 419 adults and infants. Mr. Garfield was instrumental in

establishing the Larger Parish which provided preaching services for Lakeville and Rochester. He organized a young people's discussion group which developed into an organization found in churches throughout the State, known as the Pilgrim Fellowship. In addition to his duties as minister, Mr. Garfield found time for active participation in other Christian work, serving as chairman and member of many important committees locally and in the State.

## REV. DAVID J. JULIUS

1936-1945

Rev. David J. Julius was born in Spring Grove, Pennsylvania. He attended Spring Grove High School and was graduated from Gettysburg College in 1927 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Until 1930 he represented the American Board of Foreign Missions in Aleppo, Syria, where he taught in a junior college and served as assistant to the President.

On his return from Syria he entered the Hartford Theological Seminary and was graduated in 1933 with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. Ordained in the North Berkshire Association of Congregational Churches at Middlefield, Massachusetts, in 1934, he was pastor of the Middlefield Congregational Church until he accepted the call to Middleborough in October, 1936.

Mr. Julius served our church for eight years and nine months, the second longest pastorate in the history of the church. He resigned in July, 1945 to become Associate Pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

While teaching in Syria, Mr. Julius met Miss Dorothy Barker, who was also teaching at the college, and they were married August 2, 1933. They have three children, William, Phebe Ann and Peter.

During his pastorate in Middleborough, Mr. Julius placed special emphasis on youth and devoted much of his attention to the younger group. He inaugurated the Annual Fall Church night, carried through successful preaching missions during the Lenten period, strengthened the organizational work of the church and laid the foundation for the observance of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the church.



## REV. RALPH B. EDWARDS

1946-

Rev. Ralph B. Edwards came to the Central Congregational Church from the Atlantic Memorial Congregational Church of Quincy, Massachusetts, where he served from 1934 to 1946. He assumed his new duties in Middleborough February 3, 1946.

Mr. Edwards was born in Magnolia, Iowa. He was graduated from Taber College, Taber, Iowa, and the Intermountain Union College of Helena, Montana. He took his divinity course at the Hartford Theological Seminary and was ordained in 1928 by the Berkshire South Association of Congregational Churches. Prior to his Quincy pastorate he was pastor of the New Marlboro Congregational Churches in Southfield, Massachusetts.

Mr. Edwards and Miss Miriam Moyer were married at Logan, Iowa, December 29, 1921. They have two children, Burris and Douglas.

In his previous pastorates, Mr. Edwards has been active in promoting youth organizations and is continuing this interest in Middleborough. He has been pastoral councillor of the Colonial Christian Endeavor Union and of the Norfolk County Christian Endeavor Union.

On January 29, 1947, a Service of Recognition was held when the Old Colony Association of Congregational Christian Churches met as a council to extend to Mr. Edwards the fellowship of the churches and their ministers.

To Mr. Edwards falls the task and privilege of guiding the church through the celebration of its One Hundredth Anniversary. Mr. Edwards has projected innovations into the church services which have met with the enthusiastic approval of church members. He has brought new light, new vision and inspiration in his excellent sermons. The Central Congregational Church looks forward with faith to a bright and fruitful future as it embarks on its second century under the earnest and spiritual leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Ralph B. Edwards.



REV. RALPH B. EDWARDS  
1946 -





## DEACONS

In 1851, the question arose as to whether there should be more than one deacon. By a small majority it was voted that Horatio G. Wood, who had served as the one deacon since the organization of the church, should be regarded as Senior deacon and three more appointed to serve indefinite terms. No deacons were elected regularly until February 3, 1878 when it was voted the number of deacons should be four, one being chosen each year to serve four years.

1847	Horatio G. Wood	1907	Edward C. Wood
1851	Ebenezer Pickens	1908	William W. Tinkham
	James D. Wilder		Henry W. Sears
	Henry D. Bassett		John B. Thomas
1861	Abiel Wood	1909	Leonard O. Tillson
1868	Ivory H. Harlow		David B. Monroe
	James M. Pickens	1910	Arthur H. Denham
1878	Calvin D. Kingman	1911	Edward C. Wood
	George H. Doane		Charles S. Tinkham
1880	Ivory H. Harlow	1912	Henry W. Sears
	Joshua Sherman		John B. Thomas
1882	Joshua Sherman		John J. Fowler, Jr.
1883	James M. Pickens	1913	David B. Monroe
1884	Foster A. Harlow		Leonard O. Tillson
1886	Joshua Sherman	1914	Arthur H. Denham
1887	James M. Pickens	1915	Edward C. Wood
1889	Calvin D. Kingman		Ernest S. Pratt
	David B. Monroe	1916	Henry W. Sears
1890	Joshua Sherman		John B. Thomas
1891	James M. Pickens	1917	Leonard O. Tillson
1892	David B. Monroe		Alvin C. Howes
1893	Calvin D. Kingman	1918	Arthur H. Denham
	David B. Monroe		Clifton F. Babbitt
	James M. Pickens	1919	Martin L. Saunders
	Darius C. Wentworth		Edward C. Wood
	Henry W. Sears		John J. Fowler, Jr.
1897	Arthur H. Denham	1920	John B. Thomas
1899	David S. Surrey		Edwin A. Sherman
	Henry W. Sears	1921	Leonard O. Tillson
1902	Leonard O. Tillson		

1922	Henry W. Sears Arthur H. Denham Ernest S. Pratt	1934	Arthur H. Denham William J. Thibault
1923	John R. Thompson I. Bradford Thomas, Jr.	1935	Leonard O. Tillson Adnah H. Harlow
1924	Edward C. Wood Edwin A. Sherman	1936	Chester L. Shaw Donald A. Morrison
1925	Ernest S. Pratt Howard C. Holden Leonard O. Tillson	1937	Boyd A. Iseminger Matthew W. Hanscom
1926	Henry W. Sears Arthur H. Denham	1938	Ralph W. Cromwell Elwyn B. Lynde
1927	I. Bradford Thomas, Jr.	1939	Leonard O. Tillson Adnah H. Harlow
1928	Chester L. Shaw Arthur J. Jackson	1940	Chester L. Shaw Joseph B. MacAllister
1929	Ernest S. Pratt John R. Thompson Nelson H. Manwaring	1941	I. Bradford Thomas, Jr. Frank G. Minott Arthur H. Denham
1930	Arthur H. Denham William J. Thibault	1942	Ralph W. Cromwell Arthur H. Denham
1931	Adnah H. Harlow Leonard O. Tillson	1943	Maynard H. Goodridge Christie B. Crowell Kurt Jellinek, M.D.
1932	Chester L. Shaw Martin L. Saunders	1944	Chester L. Shaw Roderick G. Matheson Harry G. Norris
1933	Boyd A. Iseminger Matthew W. Hanscom	1945	Harry R. Belmont
		1946	Adnah H. Harlow Edward L. Perry, M.D.

### CLERKS

1847	Nathan King	1888	Ebenezer Pickens
1849	Rev. Isaiah C. Thacher	1892	Henry W. Sears
1852	Joseph Sampson, Jr.	1929	Leonard O. Tillson
1853	Noah C. Perkins	1942	Adnah H. Harlow (in service)
1854	Rev. William C. Dickinson		Stanley D. Benson Acting Clerk
1856	Rev. Isaiah C. Thacher		
1860	Noah C. Perkins	1946	Stanley D. Benson
1878	George H. Doane		
1878	Andrew L. Tinkham		

## TREASURERS

1847	Branch Harlow	1871	George H. Shaw
1850	Ebenezer Pickens	1872	Jeremiah Doane
1852	Joseph Sampson, Jr.	1873	James E. Peirce
1854	Nathan King	1883	George E. Doane
1856	Noah C. Perkins	1887	Edmund O. Parker
1859	John Shaw, Jr.	1893	Edward S. Hathaway
1860	George L. Soule	1899	William R. Mitchell
1862	George H. Doane	1902	Arthur E. Shaw
1865	William C. Wood	1904	William R. Mitchell
1867	Calvin D. Kingman	1905	Edward S. Hathaway
1869	Cornelius B. Wood	1907	Albert A. Thomas
1870	William H. Wood		



# HISTORY OF ORGANIZATIONS

BY

ROSE S. PRATT

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## FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Middleboro Auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was organized in 1867, the first year the Woman's Board of Missions was formed. Its object was to extend the knowledge of Christ and His teachings in other lands.

Its first President was Mrs. Philander Washburn. The first Secretary and Treasurer was her daughter, Miss Mary L. Washburn. Very soon after the formation of the society, Miss Washburn was chosen as Corresponding Secretary of the Old Colony Branch of the Woman's Board. She was also teacher in the Sunday School of the Infant Department, and the children were formed into a Missionary Band, called the Henrietta Band, the name chosen in honor of her brother's wife. Rev. George Washburn at that time was a teacher in Roberts College, Constantinople, afterwards its President, and his wife, Henrietta, was a daughter of Dr. Cyrus Hamblin. The efforts of this family were crowned with great success in this work.

The meetings of the society were held once a month in the church parlor. Letters from missionaries were read, members read missionary books and missionaries on furlough were guest speakers. Our own Miss Miriam Hathaway (now Mrs. Harry LeBaron Sampson) was a teacher in the American College for Girls (now Amerikan Kiz Koleji), Turkey, from 1909 to 1913. Upon her return home, she gave a splendid account of customs, manners and occupations of Turkish women.

The Society was fortunate to have at one time as a member Mrs. Corda Gracey, who lived for several years in Foochow, China. She was conversant with conditions, customs and needs of the Chinese people, and gave several most interesting talks about the country.

Each year, beginning in 1894, a Thank Offering Meeting was held, and money was subscribed for a special branch of missionary work, such as salaries, hospitals, scholarships, and supplies.

Membership varied from thirty-four to the high water mark of ninety-six in 1895. Always the members were interested and most generous in their gifts. The last meeting of the society was held in May, 1928.

## HOME MISSION CIRCLE

The Young Ladies' Home Missionary Society was organized on December 6, 1870 with Mrs. James Pierce, President; Miss Lottie Wood, Treasurer; and Miss Sallie R. Kingman, Secretary.

The Young Ladies believed it to be a privilege and duty to aid the Home Missionary cause, and to help such persons in their town as were deemed worthy. Meetings were held each Tuesday evening in the homes of the members. A young lady could become a member by signing the constitution and paying 25c. A gentleman could become an honorary member by the payment of 50c a year.

On December 9, 1873 the society's name was changed to Young Ladies' Home Mission Circle. On January 20, 1891, it was shortened to Home Mission Circle, and meetings were thereafter held in the church. In February, 1896 it became an Auxiliary to the Woman's Home Mission Association. (For a short time, there were "Misses of the Home Mission Circle"). Under any name, the ladies were always busy sewing. They made clothes, quilts, sheets, pillow cases, aprons and fancy work. Some were sold, some were given to the needy.

Since many parishes in the South and West were a long distance from supplies, the Circle packed barrels every year which they sent to pastor's families, as requests came to them. New material, books, magazines and used clothing were solicited. It is reported that in some instances buttons were cut from dresses before they were donated for packing.

Contents of a typical barrel: one shawl, one waterproof, two winter cloaks, one spring saque, one velvet skirt, material for dress, one suit men's clothes, three pairs pantaloons, one coat, three overcoats, one woolen scarf, one pair chemises, one shirt, two pairs corsets, two pairs rubbers, one pair boots, one book, five yards edging, fifteen handkerchiefs, twelve pairs hose, one pair gloves, three linen collars, two pairs mittens, \$10.00 in money, reading matter.



Sources of income were fees, and fines, sales of comforters, sheets, pillow cases and aprons. Annually they opened "Mite Boxes" with due ceremony. Many can remember their abundant Harvest Suppers which were annual events in the life of the church. Gifts were received from many generous members. Mrs. Mary Kingman bequeathed \$1000.00, the interest to be used as needed every year. All gave their time faithfully. Mrs. Katherine S. Wood was Secretary for 24 years. Because of the passing of many members, the society disbanded in 1926.

## CO-WORKERS

Ladies of the parish have always been ready to assist in any great project of the church. This is evidenced by the group which organized in 1856 as the Ladies Benevolent Society, afterward named the Social Circle, and in January, 1899 became the Co-Workers. This group has been famous for its energy and accomplishments. Their object has been to promote the social interests of the parish, and to aid financially any department of the church. The first officers were President, Mrs. A. M. Wood; Vice President, Mrs. E. O. Parker; Secretary, Miss Mae Witham; Treasurer, Miss Clara Pettee. The meetings have been held in the church parlor on Monday afternoons.

When only one year old, this society began to pledge \$150.00 a year toward the church music. Many years they gave \$300.00. On March 18, 1901 they put aside \$50.00 for a new church organ. Regularly they added to their nest egg until in April and May, 1925 their plans were fulfilled by the installation of a Hook and Hastings organ. In this same year they were grateful for a gift, known as the Mary Preston Peckham fund, which has helped to keep the organ in repair. They have been responsible for the expenses of the choir robes and in 1928 they bought two hundred and fifty hymn books for the auditorium.

All these years the Co-Workers have cared for the social rooms, redecorating and replenishing furniture, fixtures, dishes or silver as they were needed.

The annual Christmas sales, strawberry festivals, spelling matches, County fair, suppers, rummage sales, lectures and entertainments, all of the highest order, have enriched the social life of the church and replenished the treasury of the society.



## YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

A record of this Society states that on February 23, 1892, it celebrated its fourth anniversary which gives a clue to the time of organization. Rev. and Mrs. Laurence enjoyed working with young people, and Mr. Edward P. Fitts, at that time Superintendent of Middleboro schools, was so helpful that he was often referred to as "Father Endeavor Fitts."

The Society's motto was "For Christ and the Church;" their pledge in part, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do. I will make it the rule of my life to pray and to read my Bible every day, and to support my own church in every way, especially by attending all her regular Sunday and mid-week services, unless prevented by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Savior, and that just as far as I know how, throughout my whole life, I will endeavor to lead a Christian Life."

Prayer meetings were held at the church each Sunday evening at 6:15 o'clock, except during July and August, when they were held out of doors, in union with the Methodist Epworth League. Social gatherings were held each month, and picnics were frequently enjoyed.

The organization furnished flowers for the Sunday services, and then carried the flowers to those who were ill. Money was contributed to many worthy causes. It was a very active group, at one time having fifty active, one associate and twenty-four honorary members.

## SUNSHINE MISSIONARY GIRLS

*Yellow is our color, Sunshine is our name,  
Work is what we're wanting, Service is our aim,  
Where our help is needed, we'll be right on hand.  
We are Happy Workers, we're the Sunshine Band.*

The vision and efforts of the Leader, Mrs. Lizzie E. B. Tillson, made this society possible. Organized in 1903 with twenty girls from our church, the first president was Sue Pitman. Vesta and Gladys Jackson, Agnes Pierce and Fannie Reed were early officers. Members were seven to fourteen years of age, and met in Mrs. Tillson's home every two weeks, except July and August.

Money was earned by having entertainments and sales in the church vestry, selling soap, flower seeds, Easter cards, and chocolate bars.

A continued interest was in children's schools and hospitals in Japan, Turkey, China, India, Africa and the Philippines, where they sent many dressed dolls, paper dolls, picture postcards, Perry pictures, scrap books, games, toys, baby blankets, Sunday School papers and magazines.

By 1918 the organization had outgrown the Tillson's living-room and meetings were held in the church vestry. There were now seventy girls, representing every church in town, all working eagerly for their varied projects.

Mrs. Tillson's report for the twenty-fifth year is as follows: "There have been seven hundred different girls as members. They have received and expended \$4700.00. Of that, \$475.00 was credited to this church for missions, \$200.00 to the Y.M.C.A. which included furnishing a dormitory room, \$525.00 to Town needs, including Play Ground, Childrens' Gardens etc." By this time, membership reached ninety-eight, and when a party was announced they all came, and brought a guest. Meetings were then held in the Chapel. Activities ceased with the illness of Mrs. Tillson in March, 1930, but memories of the Sunshine Missionary Girls and their leader are cherished in many hearts today.

## WHITE CHURCH GUILD

Mrs. Olive Maynard, wife of the pastor, Reverend Newell C. Maynard, was the founder of the White Church Guild. A group of young matrons of the church wished to have a society of their own. The Co-Workers met in the afternoon and these young ladies, many of them employed during the day, wished to meet in the evening. They conferred with Mrs. Maynard and together planned the beginning of the White Church Guild. Mrs. Mertie E. Witbeck served as the first president.

The initial meeting was held November 4, 1916. The object of the society was to increase missionary interest and enlarge the social and spiritual activities of the church. Any young woman over sixteen was eligible for membership by the payment of dues, fifty cents per year. The Junior Co-Workers merged with this group.

From the beginning, the society has been ambitious. At the present time there are one hundred members. Meeting nights are first and third



Tuesdays in the church parlor. Local friends, and missionaries from all fields are frequent speakers. The activities of the society in the form of a House Beautiful Fair, Calendar Supper, Gay Nineties party, birthday parties, Old Folk's Concert, sales and entertainments have in every way fulfilled their aim and replenished the treasury.

Runners for the aisles of the auditorium, pulpit rug, pulpit Bible and other needs of the church have been supplied. Plans are under way to re-cover the pew cushions as soon as material is available. The Society also contributes to Home and Foreign Missions.

Always blessed with fine leadership, a successful future is assured for the White Church Guild.

### BETHANY GIRLS

In February, 1919 there was needed a midweek activity to interest the young ladies of the Intermediate Department of the Sunday School. Realizing this necessity, Miss Flora Clark organized the society called Bethany Girls. Their aim—every girl a spiritual center, radiating the Master's purpose in the home, daily life, and school. Any girl was invited to join who was willing to sign the covenant and pay the membership fee of 25c. Among the assistants to Miss Clark were Mrs. Lizzie E. B. Tillson, Mrs. Edna Bailey, Mrs. Lillian Smith, Mrs. Lottie Kennedy and Miss Carrie Luippold. The girls met in the church every other Wednesday evening and learned to make many kinds of fancy work. They conducted sales and devoted the money thus earned to worthwhile projects in the church, town and other countries. Their meetings were of a social nature, with now and then a guest speaker. At the time the Home Mission Circle disbanded, their Kingman fund of \$1000.00 was turned over to the Bethany Girls, the interest of which was to be used each year in remembrance of the invalids of the parish. The society was discontinued in 1938, owing to various other activities.

### THE FRIENDLY FORUM

The Friendly Forum was organized in 1937 and is now celebrating its tenth anniversary. At the time it was formed there was no organization in the church for young men and women beyond high school age. Mr. Julius invited a group of about twelve young people to his home,



and as the idea for a new organization appealed to all present, plans were made to form the new society. The name, The Friendly Forum, was submitted by Mrs. Maynard Goodridge, and was the choice of those present at the Friendly Forum's first meeting. The purpose of this organization is to promote Christian fellowship.

The Friendly Forum has an active membership of about forty. In the course of its ten years of existence, there have probably been two hundred young people as members of the group. During the ten years there has been a great variety of meetings. Some meetings have taken a serious tone, while others have been on the lighter side. Many fine speakers and interesting discussions have been heard during the years.

The Friendly Forum receives new life in the person of Mr. Edwards and looks forward to new achievements.

## SABBATH SCHOOL

The first record of organization is June 8, 1848, with Deacon Horatio G. Wood, Superintendent, Nathan King, Secretary. There were twenty-four teachers, twelve male and twelve female. Sessions were held after the church service in the Chapel, until 1859, when it was voted to meet in the church. In April 1888 records show an attendance of two hundred forty-five and collection for the month was \$17.02. For many years there was a library for all ages. There have been various missionary projects, both at home and abroad. 1872 shows a record of the first Christmas tree and \$64.80 was raised to meet the expense. In 1881 they raised \$70.27 for a Christmas tree and bought four hundred fifty plates, one hundred fifty spoons and one hundred twenty-five mugs. 1887 shows a report of cost of chairs for vestry, \$456.25, primary chairs, \$48.00. Some of these chairs are in use today.

Superintendents listed are 1851, Branch Harlow; 1854, A. J. Pickens; 1859, James H. Harlow; 1860, George L. Soule; 1863, George H. Doane; 1866, Ivory H. Harlow; 1867, James M. Pickens, (who also was chorister); 1869, C. D. Kingman; 1873, George H. Shaw; 1875, C. D. Kingman; 1876, George H. Doane; 1877, Alonzo F. Ryder; 1878, Branch Harlow; 1878, Foster Harlow; 1880, C. D. Kingman; 1882, Alonzo F. Ryder; 1887, Ebenezer Pickens; 1894, David S. Surrey; 1896, Alonzo F. Ryder; 1904, Leonard O. Tillson; 1905, Henry Soule; 1908, Deacon

Edward C. Wood; 1911, George E. A. Jones; 1911, Ernest S. Pratt; 1913, Abraham G. Newkirk; 1915, Rev. Newell C. Maynard; 1918, David W. Burgess; 1920 Carlena Luippold; 1933, David W. Burgess; 1936, Carlena Luippold; 1937, Mrs. Ernestine Wood; 1939, Carlena Luippold; 1940, Dr. James M. Bonnar; 1944, Rev. David J. Julius; 1945, Carlena Luippold; 1946, Clyde Thomas.

A resolution of thanks was extended to Mr. James H. Weston in 1892 for his services as Secretary and Treasurer for eighteen years. Meantime there have been many faithful teachers who have had classes more than eighteen years. The Primary Department moved into the Chapel, in its new location, on April 1, 1928. During the years there has been a Young Mens' Class; Mothers' Class; Mens' Class; Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Primary, Beginners, Cradle Roll and Home Departments, conducted by able Superintendents. The Sunday School has ever been, as it ought to be, the "nursery of the church," and many from its numbers have become members of the church, by confession of faith.

Other organizations to fill needs at various times, for different ages, were:

Boys' Brigade

Church Parlor Society

Helping Hand Society

In-as-much Society

Junior Co-Workers

Middleboro Industrial School

Pilgrim Fellowship

Pleasant Hour Club

## OUR CHURCH TRUST FUNDS

By

ALBERT A. THOMAS, Treasurer

On August 15, 1883, in accordance with a vote at a meeting of the church, there was transferred to the Central Congregational Church a stock certificate for two shares of the capital stock of the Old Colony Railroad Company, at that time considered a prime investment. This certificate is still held in the name of the church but now represents but little value.

On July 5, 1886 there was deposited in the Middleborough Savings Bank by Andrew L. Tinkham, clerk of the church, the sum of \$65.00. Where this money came from the records do not indicate but the amount has always been held as a trust fund the income only used for church expenses.

During the following years there was also deposited in the Middleborough Savings Bank in amounts of \$100 at a time, a total of \$800, the last of these \$100 deposits being on July 13, 1910. The \$100 deposited on July 30, 1906 came from the Estate of Elizabeth S. Washburn, but for a time the identity of the one making the other deposits was unknown, as each contribution was accompanied by an anonymous letter addressed to the treasurer. Later it was learned that the donor was the late Julia H. Copeland. Thus we have the beginning of our present trust fund portfolio.

On March 1, 1917 there was received from the Estate of Julia H. Copeland the sum of \$18,000 providing the following trust funds:

Income only to be used for general church purposes	\$10,000.00
Income only to be used to help defray expense of church musical program	5,000.00
Income only to be used to assist in keeping church parsonage in repair	3,000.00

In March 1920 there was transferred to the church a stock certificate for twenty-eight shares of the capital stock of the Middleborough



Trust Company, a bequest by the late Mary A. Kingman, this to be held as a trust fund the income only to be used for repairs to the church interior. This certificate is carried on the books at a value of \$3,640. On September 1, 1921 there was received from the same source the sum of \$1,000 to be held as a trust fund the income only to be paid to the Home Mission Circle Society.

On November 1, 1925 there was received from William S. Shiverick of Salt Lake City, Utah and Samuel N. Shiverick, of Middleborough, the sum of \$5,000 to be held as the Charles H. Shiverick Trust Fund the income only to be used to apply to the payment of the Pastor's salary.

The following bequests were received to be held as trust funds and the income to be used for general church purposes:

October 29, 1922	From Estate of George	
	H. Shaw	\$500.00

December 28, 1930	From Estate of W.	
	Osgood Eddy	100.00

To be held as the W. Osgood Eddy Memorial Fund

November 1, 1933	From Estate of Samuel	
	N. Shiverick	5,000.00

October 4, 1934	From Estate of Samuel	
	N. Shiverick	1,000.00

July 16, 1938	From Mrs. Maria D. Mitchell	200.00
	In memory of her late husband, Albert F. Mitchell	

September 1, 1940	From Estate of Eben-	
	ezer Pickens	8,814.04

Real estate and personal property valued at this amount

March 1, 1942	From Estate of Arabella	
	Bourne	500.00

February 6, 1944	From Estate of Josephine	
	S. Perkins	2,142.12

May 26, 1946	From Estate of Clifton W.	
	Tillson	2,000.00

To be used as a "revolving fund" in charge of Standing Committee to be loaned church treasurer, without interest, when needed to meet current expenses of church, the money to be replaced in the fund when temporary borrowing is no longer necessary.

In June 1927 the church voted to sell to the Middleborough Co-operative Bank its lot of land on South Main Street for the sum of \$7,500, the church to retain possession of the chapel building standing on the lot and to remove same to the land adjoining the church on Webster Street, the expense of moving the building and its rehabilitation to be taken from the purchase price of the lot sold. After paying all expense of moving the chapel and cost of repairs there remained a balance of \$4,448.80 which sum has been held as a trust fund the income being expended for general church purposes.

The following trust funds are carried on the books as of today:

General Trust Fund	\$1,265.87
Julia H. Copeland Trust Funds	18,258.76
Chapel Fund	4,448.81
Charles H. Shiverick Trust Fund	5,071.50
Samuel N. Shiverick Trust Fund	6,183.37
Josephine S. Perkins Trust Fund	2,142.12
Ebenezer Pickens Trust Fund	8,612.61
Mary A. Kingman Trust Funds	4,848.17
George H. Shaw Trust Fund	500.00
Arabella Bourne Trust Fund	500.00
Albert F. Mitchell Memorial Fund	200.00
W. Osgood Eddy Memorial Fund	100.00
Clifton W. Tillson Fund	2,000.00

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Total book value	\$54,131.21
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For the year ending April 1, 1946 these various trust funds provided income of \$2,269.70.

Much could be written regarding these many donors to our church. All were vitally interested in the welfare and future well being of the church and each during their lifetime rendered valuable service in its behalf. Certainly the church has a great responsibility in carrying forward their wishes and at the same time owes to them a debt of appreciation for their generosity in perpetuating their financial support to the church where they were so happy to have been a member.

## HONOR ROLL

### World War I

Lieut. James H. Burkhead  
Everett W. Clough  
William E. Dunham  
Capt. William O. Eddy  
Capt. Harold C. Eddy  
2nd Lieut. Harold M. Eddy  
Charles L. Farrington  
Lloyd T. Fowler  
Benjamin K. Glidden  
Herbert E. Godfrey  
George H. Hammerton  
Roger P. Jenks  
Lieut. Parker H. Kennedy  
Lester H. Leland

Cleveland R. Matheson  
John R. Matheson  
Corp. Roger B. Monroe  
John Murdock  
Sgt. William Murdock  
Corp. Roy F. Perkins  
George A. Pitman, Jr.  
Harry M. Rogers  
Lieut. Harold G. Saunders  
Everett L. Saunders  
George R. Shaw  
Howard S. Shaw  
Thomas M. Tate  
Alfred F. Tinkham

## HONOR ROLL

### World War II

Arthur B. Alden  
John S. Alden  
Brenton S. Ayers  
Watson W. Baker, Jr.  
F. Lawton Barrows  
Frank L. Barstow, Jr.  
Robert J. Beal  
William N. Beal, Jr.  
Harvey T. Belmont  
William F. Bigelow  
Donald L. Bowles  
Ross R. Brenzie  
Robert K. Broadbent  
Richard T. Brown  
Malcolm D. Buck, Jr.  
Roger L. Card  
Roy B. Card

David M. Clark  
Bernard F. Cobb  
Charles L. Conrad  
Edward F. Corayer  
William A. Crampton  
Edward K. Cromwell  
\*Robert A. Crosier  
Marion C. Deane  
Bernard H. Eldridge  
A. David Fish  
Donald L. Fish  
Robert Fish, Jr.  
J. Edward Fleming  
Richard L. Glidden  
Dorothy L. Goodale  
Nathan F. Goodridge  
Robert Greenwood



Everett L. Hale  
Raymond D. Hardy  
Adnah H. Harlow  
Franklin G. Harlow  
George N. Harlow  
Lionel F. Hawksworth  
Rev. Earle C. Hochwald  
Arthur L. Holden  
Parker Holden  
Herbert L. Hopkins  
Benjamin S. Howes  
Herbert S. Howes  
Richard S. Howes  
Robert F. Howes  
Boyd A. Iseminger  
Alwin C. Jones  
Armen G. Kayajan  
Haig Kayajan  
Moushey Krikorian  
Ferdinand LeBlanc  
Frederick L. Lincoln  
John B. Lynde  
Douglas W. MacAulay  
Norman D. MacAulay  
Roger A. MacAulay  
Joseph W. MacAllister  
John D. MacDonald  
W. Arnold MacKenzie  
William F. McDowell  
Stuart R. Main  
Clifton H. Maranville  
Marshall Maranville  
Arnold W. Melin  
Stanley R. Mills, Jr.  
Donald A. Morrison  
Gordon Oliver  
Laura B. Pearson  
B. Irene Perkins

Russell W. Perkins  
LeRoy G. Phillips  
Frank A. Pierce, Jr.  
Frederic Perry  
A. Kingman Pratt  
David T. Provonche  
Roger L. Quelle  
Frank W. Raymond  
Elbert C. Reimels  
Richard A. Rockwood  
John B. Savage  
Samuel P. Shaw  
Grace L. Sinclair  
Albert F. Soule, Jr.  
Roger E. Soule  
Richard E. Stafford  
Philip W. Stafford  
Arnold Strautman  
\*William L. Sukeforth  
Bruce M. Surrey  
Robert C. Trites  
William R. Thomas  
Lewis A. Towne, Jr.  
Frances B. Walker  
Charles P. Washburn, Jr.  
John A. Washburn  
Stewart A. Washburn  
William K. Washburn  
Daniel M. West  
Elmore J. West  
Robert T. Westgate  
Thomas Weston  
George E. Wheeler  
Elliot G. Whitney  
Allan A. Witbeck  
Andrew M. Wood

\*GOLD STAR

## WAR SERVICE COMMITTEE

### World War II

It was the desire of the War Service Committee that each month some assurance of fellowship and loving thought should go out to those in the service of their country. This was done by contacting each family every month for the latest address of the service men and women and the sending of church letters written by Reverend David J. Julius, and men of the parish. Women of the church wrote letters on alternate months. At Christmas, gifts were sent to every one on the church Honor Roll, at home or overseas. At annual meetings, funds were voted to defray the expense of gifts, postage and mailing the church letters. These were augmented by gifts from individuals.

Mrs. James H. Burkhead and Mrs. Chester L. Shaw served as Co-Chairmen of the War Service Committee, assisted by Mrs. John A. Holt, Mrs. Harry W. Howes, Mrs. Boyd A. Iseminger, Mrs. Joseph B. MacAllister, Miss Grace I. Paun, Mrs. Arthur B. Pearson, Mrs. Edgar Stafford, Mrs. Roy West, Mrs. Charles C. Whitney and Mrs. John G. Howes.

On June 11, 1944, there was held a Service of Recognition for the men and women of the church in the service of their country.

A "V Day" Service was held in the church on the evening of May 8, 1945 to observe the cessation of war in Europe. In the absence of the Pastor, the service was led by Mrs. David J. Julius and Mrs. Mertie E. Witbeck.

# MEMBERSHIP OF THE CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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MEMBERS	RECEIVED	MEMBERS	RECEIVED
1847		1848	
Cornelius Burgess	March 12	Joseph Sampson, Jr.	March 5
Mrs. Melissa Burgess	March 12	Mrs. Maria L. Harlow	March 5
Mrs. Betsey T. Burgess	March 12	Mrs. Harriet Eaton	May 5
Horatio Wood	March 12	Mrs. Lucy Bourne	May 5
Mrs. Abigail W. Wood	March 12	1849	
Emily Wood (Crane)	March 12	Branch Harlow	September 3
Adoniram J. Cushman	March 12	Andrew J. Pickens	September 3
Mrs. Ann S. Cushman	March 12	James M. Pickens	September 3
Consider Robbins	March 12	Perry A. Wilder	November 4
Mrs. Ruth Reed	March 12	Henry D. Bassett	November 4
James D. Wilder	March 12	Edward Burt	November 4
Mrs. Bathsheba Wilder	March 12	Mrs. Elizabeth Burt	November 4
James Warren	March 12	Henry Arnold	November 4
Mrs. Margaret Warren	March 12	Mrs. Elizabeth Arnold	November 4
Mrs. Mary Dunham	March 12	Sarah Lane	November 4
Nathan Perkins, Jr.	March 12	1850	
John Perkins	March 12	John McCloud	January 6
Mrs. Ann S. Perkins	March 12	Nathan Dunbar	January 6
Ebenezer Pickens	March 12	Mrs. Betsey B. Dunbar	January 6
Mrs. Mary B. Pickens	March 12	Mrs. Betsey Wilder	January 6
Mrs. Abigail S. Pickens	March 12	Eveline H. Wilder (Wilber)	January 6
Nathan King	March 12	Harriet Rounseville	January 6
Mrs. Elizabeth H. Washburn	March 12	Mrs. Mary C. Thacher	January 6
Mrs. Olivia A. Hitchcock	March 12	Lauretta W. Wing	January 6
Caroline M. Pickens (McLeod)	March 12	Elijah Burgess	March 3
Freelove P. Rounseville	March 12	Isaac D. Bump	March 3
Mrs. Betsey Thomas	March 12	Mrs. Juliana Bump	March 3
Mrs. Elizabeth Wood	March 12	Elizabeth Cushman	March 3
Eleanor B. Wood	March 12	Emily F. Perkins	March 3
Mrs. Elmira Goddard	March 12	Mrs. Almira E. Perkins	March 3
Sarah Jackson	March 12	Mrs. Sarah A. Tucker	March 3
Mrs. Zilpha M. Clark	March 12	George Back	May 5
Hope Wrightington	March 12	George Washburn	May 5
Mrs. Lucy C. Wood	March 12	George H. Shaw	May 5
Mrs. Ellen T. Wood	September 5	Mrs. Ann Maria A. Shaw	May 5
Mrs. Elizabeth Whitmore	November 7	Mrs. Lydia E. Shaw	May 5



Foster A. Harlow	May 5
Rufus K. Harlow	May 5
Mrs. Lurany Harlow	May 5
Elizabeth S. Harlow (Washburn)	

	May 5
Harriet W. Burgess	May 5
Noah C. Perkins	May 5
Mrs. Mary A. Perkins	May 5
John Sidwell	May 5
Mrs. Zilpha A. Rich	May 5
Eliza Ann S. Morton	May 5
Mrs. Maria A. Davis	May 5
Mrs. Harriet N. Dean	May 5
Augusta S. Eaton	May 5
Mrs. Beulah Ann S. Cole	May 5
Fanny D. Lane (Thompson)	May 5
Susan F. Shaw (Atwood)	May 5
George L. Soule	May 5
Preston Soule	July 7
Francis F. Eaton	July 7
Amos Thomas	July 7
Ann Fitzpatrick	September 1
Henry Denham	September 1
Ebenezer T. Soule	November 3
Mrs. Clarissa R. Soule	November 3
Mrs. Patia S. Doane	November 3

#### 1851

Abigail Washburn	January 5
Joshua C. Jenney	May 4
Mrs. Sarah H. Jenney	May 4
Ann M. Gilman	May 4
Mrs. Louisa J. Dunham	May 4
Mrs. Betsey Harlow	May 4
Ralph Copeland	July 6
Mrs. Nancy Copeland	July 6
Elizabeth Bryant	July 6
Mrs. Lucy H. Pickens	September 6

#### 1852

Mrs. Ann N. Tisdale	March 7
Abiel Wood	July 4
Mrs. Hannah Goss	July 4
Mary H. Southworth	July 4
Mrs. Matilda Wood	July 4
Mrs. Mary Ann Lucas	November 7

#### 1853

Richard Tiner	September 4
Otis L. Tinkham	September 4
Cyrena Haskins	September 4
Mrs. Deborah B. Tinkham	
	September 4

#### 1854

Mrs. William C. Dickinson	May 7
Elam C. Knight	November 4
Mrs. Mary J. Knight	November 4

#### 1855

Sylvanus Morse	March 3
Mrs. Mary E. Vaughan	March 3
Ellen A. Jenney (Burgess)	March 3
Joseph Sampson	May 5
Mrs. Harriet Sampson	May 5
Mrs. Harriet H. Simmons	May 5
Cephas Bumpus	July 1
Mrs. Lydia Bumpus	July 1
Mrs. Anna S. Cathcart	July 1
Mrs. Hannah B. Pratt	July 1
Margaret Wilson	November 4

#### 1856

Mrs. Jane King	January 5
Jane P. King	January 5
Elizabeth P. King	January 5
Mrs. Lydia F. Peckham	January 5
Ransom Pratt	July 6
Mrs. Beulah White	July 6
Laura S. Crossman	July 6
Thomas Tillson	September 7
Mrs. Lucinda Tillson	September 7
Mrs. Mary C. Thacher	September 7
Susan King	November 2

#### 1857

William H. Wood	January 4
Rev. Sylvester Clapp	January 4
Benjamin Richmond	January 4
Mrs. Temperance Shaw	January 4
Mrs. Rozella Clapp	January 4
Mrs. Elizabeth Richmond	January 4
Mrs. Sarah Coombs	January 4
Sarah C. Coombs (Paun)	January 4

Mrs. Hannah F. Shaw	January 4	Elizabeth Wilson (Anderson)	
Maria L. Harlow (Pierce)	January 4		January 3
Mrs. Letitia Wadman	March 1	Mrs. Julia Hyde	January 3
James H. Weston	May 3	Mrs. Hannah Cushman	January 3
William B. Wood	May 3	Mrs. Hannah Harlow	January 3
Mrs. Sarah T. Wood	May 3	Mrs. Achsah C. Harding	January 3
Robert C. Capin	May 3	Watie A. Harding	January 3
George F. Hartwell	May 3	Aschsah C. Harding	January 3
George E. Standish	May 3	Stillman B. Pratt	March 7
James H. Harlow	May 3	James B. Tillson	May 2
Edward H. Sparrow	May 3	William G. Everett	May 2
Horatio Barrows	May 3	Levi Coombs	May 2
George W. Rich	May 3	Temperance Williams	May 2
George H. Doane	May 3	Mrs. Maria Tillson	May 2
Martin P. Standish	May 3	Frances E. Tillson (Shaw)	May 2
James C. Tinkham	May 3	Sarah J. Tisdale	July 4
Warren F. Tinkham	May 3	Rev. Stillman Pratt	August 2
James A. Burgess	May 3	Mrs. Sarah E. Haskins	November 7
James H. Babbitt	May 3	Mrs. Sarah Robinson	November 7
Mrs. Cornelia J. Weston	May 3		
Mrs. Mary L. Capin	May 3	1859	
Mrs. Aurelia J. Hartwell	May 3	John W. King	May 1
Mrs. Julia M. Standish	May 3	Mrs. Cornelia B. Wood	May 1
Mrs. Betsey Baker	May 3	Mrs. Fannie W. Miller	November 6
Bessie H. Haskins (Coombs)	May 3		
Louisa J. Harlow	May 3	1860	
Mary L. Washburn	May 3	Horace Graves	January 2
Sophronia G. Sherman	May 3	Rev. G. G. Perkins	September 2
Anna M. Tisdale	May 3	Mrs. Emilie A. Perkins	September 2
Martha Copeland (Hall)	May 3		
Samantha L. Tinkham (Monroe)		1861	
	May 3	Lothrop Perkins	July 4
Minerva Smith (Pope)	May 3	Elijah Briggs	July 4
Nellie M. Clapp	May 3	Mrs. Mercy C. Briggs	July 4
Margaret U. Staples	May 3	Joshua Whitmarsh	August 29
Mary Goss	May 3	Mrs. Nancy H. Whitmarsh	August 29
Rebecca L. Jenney	May 3		
Ella M. Tillson (Thomas)	May 3	1862	
Rebecca Wilson	May 3	Mrs. Martha B. Bradford	April 17
Martha B. Stevens	May 3	Bradford G. Harlow	May 4
		Mrs. Maria L. Nantz	May 4
1858		Abbie F. Tinkham	May 4
Isaac Clark	January 3	Anna W. Baker (Winkley)	May 4
Mrs. Susan B. Clark	January 3	Ira M. Thomas	June 5
Mrs. Elesenea T. Standish	January 3	Mrs. H. D. Churchill	June 26
Mrs. Eveline Wood	January 3	John C. Sullivan	July 6
		Hattie Ellen Leonard	July 6

Mrs. Martha E. Leonard	July 6
Mrs. Betsey E. Shiverick	July 6
Stillman B. Pratt	October 30
Mrs. Ellen M. Pratt	October 30
Mary E. Tisdale (Sherman)	November 2
Ann Elizabeth Morse (Soule)	November 2
Charlotte Taylor Wood (Walley)	November 2

1863

Henry B. Whitman	February 28
Mrs. Ruth E. Whitman	February 28

1864

John C. Vaughan	January 3
Mrs. C. F. Vaughan	February 13
Mrs. Corrella Dexter	March 5
Mrs. Susan H. Emery	July 3

1865

Ransom D. Pratt	September 2
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1866

Calvin D. Kingman	September 2
Andrew F. Pickens	September 2
Ivory H. Harlow	September 2
Lewis H. Harlow	September 2
Chester I. Harlow	September 2
Mrs. Callista Perkins	September 2
Sallie R. Kingman (Tillson)	September 2
Helen McCloud (Goss)	September 2
Elizabeth S. Dean (Swift)	September 2
Myra Alden (Williams)	September 2
Abbie W. Hartwell	September 2
Lucy A. Hartwell	September 2
Susan P. Doane	September 2
Sarah Jenney	September 2
Elizabeth K. Harlow	September 2
Mary L. Harlow (Wood)	September 2
Clara Tisdale	September 2
Mary Abby Pickens (Kingman)	September 2

Mrs. Mary K. Harlow	September 2
Mrs. Harriet P. Harlow	September 2
Mrs. Sarah P. Kingman	September 2
Mrs. Betsey B. Soule	September 2
Rev. Samuel Williams	November 4
Alice Williams	November 4
Mrs. Sarah R. Rogers	November 4

1867

Lucy H. Pickens (Cobb)	January 6
Lucy F. Harlow (Thatcher)	January 6
Mrs. Susan J. Swift	January 6
Mrs. Mary Ann Copeland	July 7
Susan Freeman	July 7
Peter Washburn	September 1
Mrs. Mary A. Washburn	September 1
Mrs. W. H. Frazer (Dart)	September 1

1868

James Foley	January 5
Elizabeth W. Pratt	June 25
Mrs. Pulchera C. Gifford	July 4

1869

Oscar E. Clapp	March 7
George W. Rich	March 7
Israel H. Denham	March 7
Mrs. Myra E. Leonard	March 7
Abbie Susan Leonard	March 7
Georgiana Rich	March 7
Mrs. Sarah C. Churchill (Darling)	March 7
Mrs. Sarah W. Sparrow	March 7
Mrs. Zilpha Ann Rich (Tollman)	March 7
Mrs. Julia A. W. Denham	March 7
Mrs. Annie C. Alden	March 7
Mrs. Mahala Morse	July 1

1871

Rev. Ellis R. Drake	November 3
Priscilla R. Drake	November 3
Mrs. Susan C. Jones	November 3
Mary S. Jones (Tobey)	November 3
Salmon P. Caswell	November 5



George E. Doane	November 5
Charles E. Leonard	November 5
Charles T. Tillson	November 5
Richard E. Cobb	November 5
Ebenezer Pickens	November 5
J. F. Jenckes	November 5
H. R. Snow	November 5
Almeda J. Caswell	November 5
Mrs. Mary E. Tillson	November 5
Mary B. Pickens (Glidden)	November 5
Pulchera E. Gifford (Wilder)	November 5
Cornelia S. Perkins	November 5
Edith McLeod	November 5
Mrs. Lizzie F. Burgess	November 5
Annie I. Jones (Dean)	November 5
Thankey I. Jones (Snow)	November 5
Mrs. Lottie I. Stubbs (Whitmarsh)	November 5
Mrs. Eliza I. Soule	December 14

1872

Cornelius B. Wood	January 7
William S. Andrews	January 7
Joshua Sherman	January 7
Mrs. Hannah S. Drew	February 29
George Pickens	March 3
Mrs. George F. Case	March 3
Arnold B. Sanford	July 7
Jacob B. Shaw	September 1

1873

Mrs. Clara A. Clapp	January 5
William S. Hines	March 2
Benjamin O. Tillson	March 2
Mrs. Rachel Hines	March 2
Mrs. Sarah B. Tillson	March 2
Nellie M. Rich (Washburn)	March 2
Mrs. Hannah K. Cole	March 10
Mrs. Ellen S. Alden (Gammons)	March 10
Sallie B. Sears	March 10
Rufus Godfrey	March 17
Mrs. Lucy A. Godfrey	March 17

George F. Case	July 6
Luther Crane	July 6
Charles F. Burgess	July 6
Oliver Parker	July 6
Charles W. Lane	July 6
Alvin P. Vaughan	July 6
Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Shaw	July 6
Lizzie M. Shaw (Supple)	July 6
Josephine F. Shaw (Perkins)	July 6
Mattie E. Rich (Washburn)	July 6
Helena Shaw	July 6
Mary L. Soule (Jones)	July 6
Mrs. Mary B. Parker	July 6
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Hartwell	July 6
Mrs. Eliza Crane	July 6
Mrs. Lizzie C. Vaughan	July 6
*Martha S. Pickens (Sears)	July 6
Lucy Hartwell	July 6

1874

Betsey Morse (Maxim)	January 4
*Mrs. Faustina F. Roberts	April 19
Mrs. Nancy Warner	July 5
Mrs. Mary Pratt	November 1

1875

Samuel Barrett	January 3
Mrs. Samuel Barrett	January 3
May Barrett	January 3
Lizzie Parkhurst (Nelson)	January 3
Alonzo F. Ryder	April 22
Mrs. Emma F. Ryder	April 22
George H. Washburn	May 2
J. Hervey Doane	May 2
Charles W. Kingman	May 2
Mrs. Lizzie E. Kingman	May 2
Laura H. Pickens (Kingman)	May 2
Sarah A. Dean (Morris)	May 2
Mrs. Elizabeth T. Farrington	May 2
Mrs. J. Ellen Cobb	July 1
Annie Cobb	July 1
William R. Riley	July 4
Henry C. Kingman	July 4
William A. Andrews	July 4
Herbert S. Thomas	July 4
Frederic E. Wood	July 4

Ivory H. Harlow, Jr.	July 4
Emma Gooch	July 4
L. Ardelle Perkins (Wood)	July 4
Grace F. Harlow (Bicknell)	July 4
Annie H. Harlow (Robinson)	July 4
Mary Lizzie Shaw (Robinson)	July 4
Hattie R. Gifford (Orcutt)	July 4
Sarah Abbie Boomer	July 4
Mrs. Margaret Conley	July 4
Flora A. Weston	July 4
Mrs. Aurelia Page	July 4
Emma L. Standish (Thompson)	

July 4

Corinna H. E. Standish (Fifield)

July 4

Laura F. Fuller	July 4
Angeline Ellis (Blanchard)	July 4
Hattie W. Phillips (Cushing)	July 4
Laura H. Eaton (Cushman)	July 4
Eva M. Murdock (Jones)	July 4
Deborah H. Swift (Martin)	July 4
Gertrude Wood	July 4

Lurany Belle Harlow (Batchelder)

July 4

Abbie E. C. Smith (Surry)	July 4
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Edward Bryant	November 7
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Mrs. Emma E. Bryant	November 7
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1876

Matthias Kurtz	January 2
Louisa F. Ritter (Parry)	January 2
David B. Monroe	January 2
Mrs. Samantha L. Monroe	January 2
Joshua C. Jenney	April 20
Mrs. Sarah A. Jenney	April 20
Sarah M. Jenney	April 20
Hercules Smith	May 7
Alfred Farrington	May 7
Randall Hathaway	May 7
Moses H. Swift	May 7
Mrs. Clara A. Hathaway	May 7
Mrs. Charlotte Swift	May 7

1877

Albert A. Savery	May 13
Charles W. Turner	May 13
Louis Ritter	May 13

George Shaw	May 13
Earle T. Smith	May 13
Andrew L. Tinkham	May 13
Elizabeth A. Savery (Ingalls)	May 13
Mrs. Elizabeth T. Savery	May 13
Mrs. Elvira J. Harlow	May 13
Mrs. Sarah B. Smith	May 13
Mrs. Annie M. Turner	May 13
Mrs. Regina Ritter	May 13
Mrs. Dorothy P. Tinkham	May 13
Elizabeth C. Turner (Perkins)	May 13
Catherine M. Sullivan	July 1

Rev. Charles W. Wood	November 1
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Mrs. Catherine S. Wood	November 1
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1878

David S. Surrey	January 3
William H. Marshall	January 3
Mrs. Nettie Marshall	January 3
Mrs. Susan L. Surrey	January 3
Mrs. Mary H. Alden	June 5
*Sarah Ida Paun	June 5

1879

Mrs. Emily R. Bowers	March 2
Alice J. Bowers (Rockwood)	March 2
Rufus J. Brett	May 1
Mrs. Marcia C. Brett	May 1
Philander Washburn	July 6
Mrs. Abbie J. Soule	September 4
Rev. Henry M. Grant	October 30
Mrs. Mary J. Grant	October 30
Benjamin Almy	October 30
Mrs. Emeline J. Almy	October 30

1880

Frank A. Lincoln	January 1
Mrs. Hattie H. Simmons	January 1
Charles Parker Washburn	January 1
Levi W. Marshall	January 1
Charles Shockley	March 7
Mary F. Shockley (Gifford)	March 7
Mrs. Rebecca P. Chubbuck	March 7
Emery B. Elmes	April 22
Mrs. Sarah G. Elmes	April 22
Annie S. Vaughan	July 4
Mrs. Eliza S. Smith	September 2



Mrs. Betsey Perkins                      September 2  
Adelaide G. Miller (Barrett)  
December 30

## 1881

Mrs. Annie D. Deane	March 6
Lizzie L. Shaw (Leonard)	March 6
Mary W. Shaw (Briggs)	March 6

1883

Mrs. Anna F. Baker	January 6
Mrs. Gussie B. Bailey	January 6
Edmund O. Parker	March 4
Mrs. Elizabeth Parker	March 4
Alfred W. Thompson	March 4
Mrs. Annie O. Thompson	March 4
Mrs. Mary F. Fuller	March 4
Mrs. Helen F. Vaughan	March 4
Mrs. Mary B. Bassett	March 4
Arthur H. Denham	March 4
Stephen A. Drew	March 4
Elmer L. Washburn	March 4
Winthrop K. Tinkham	March 4
James V. Turner	March 4
Henry J. Arnold	March 4
Belle G. Turner (Thomas)	March 4
Nellie F. Lovell (Haywood)	March 4
Jennie L. Rogers (Mansfield)	March 4
Mrs. Lucetta W. Pettee	March 4
Henry M. Brett	March 4
Ella L. Brett	March 4
Geneva Cushing (Davis)	March 4
Jennie F. Sherman	March 4
Mary Ida Copeland (Smith)	March 4
Barnabas Sears	May 6
Mrs. Deborah W. Sears	May 6
Etta F. Sears (Doane)	May 6
Richard T. Supple	May 6
Arthur E. Shaw	May 6
*Ida B. Shaw (White)	May 6
*Annie L. Denham	May 6
Lura L. Haskell	May 6
Cyrus Fuller	May 6
Arthur H. Doane	May 6
*Alfred P. Thompson	May 6
Lathrop C. Grant	May 6

Isaac Soule	May 6
John T. Haskell	May 6
Mrs. Margaret Lovell	May 6
Lizzie Lovell	May 6
Mrs. Sophia Kenney	May 6

## 1884

George H. Place	January 6
Mrs. Dora Place	January 6
*Mary L. Turner (Whittier)	March 2
Harriet Richardson (Baker)	May 4
Alfred H. Whitford	May 4
Harry L. Thatcher	September 7
Thomas E. Kinder	November 2
Mrs. Anna Kinder	November 2

## 1885

Mrs. Christopher C. Briggs	May 3
Henry Elmer Thomas	May 3
*William T. Tillson	May 3
Mary E. Sherman (Milliken)	May 3
Clara B. Pettee	May 3
*Katherine R. Turner (Perkins)	May 3
Henry C. Monroe	May 3
*Ruth C. Turner	May 3

## 1886

William L. Brett	January 3
Mrs. Caroline Hollingsworth	January 3
*Lydia Rena Marshall	May 2
Mila Lueana Moody (Everett)	May 2
George B. Overhiser	September 5
Miranda A. Overhiser	September 5
Mrs. Matilda Overhiser	September 5
Georgetta Overhiser	September 5
Edward P. Fitts	November 7
Mrs. Caroline B. Fitts	November 7
Ruth M. Atwood	November 7

## 1887

Mrs. Emma M. Dean	January 2
Mrs. Lydia A. Dotey	January 2
Mrs. Maria E. Barden	January 2
Lucy Ann King	March 6
Henry Soule	September 4
Mary Soule	September 4



## 1888

Edward L. Parmelee	January 1
Rev. Charles W. Wood	June 17
Mrs. Catharine S. Wood	June 17
Caro Wood (Hathaway)	June 17
Mrs. Katharine O. Wood	June 17
Edward C. Wood	June 17

## 1889

John Harper	March 3
Mrs. Catharine Harper	March 3
*Bertha L. Dean (Hobart)	March 3
Julia E. Dean	March 3
Salome K. Coombs (Elwell)	March 3
Florence M. Marshall	March 3
Lucy P. Burgess	March 3
Mrs. Abbie M. Barrows	March 3
Samuel Pickens	March 3
William W. Tinkham	March 3
Charles C. Alden	March 3
Edgar W. Tinkham	May 5
Mrs. Lucina A. Harlow	May 5
Mrs. Clara G. Bearse	May 5
Mrs. Mercy T. Barrows	May 5
William Clark	May 5
Mrs. Deborah B. Clark	May 5
Charles Washburn	May 5
Mrs. Rissie M. Washburn	May 5
Rev. John B. Lawrence	May 5
Mrs. Clara D. Lawrence	May 5
Mrs. Margaret A. Tinkham	May 5
Nellie S. Godfrey	May 5
John M. Martin	July 7
Mrs. Emily L. Crane	July 7
Annie S. Thomas	July 7
*Grace I. Paun	September 1
*Isabelle F. Paun (Ryder)	September 1
Mrs. Betsey D. Weatherby	September 1
Mrs. Elira J. Eddy	September 1
Eliza Eddy	September 1
Annie D. Durfee (Swift)	November 3
Susie H. Ritter	November 3
*Wilhelmina C. J. Ritter (Austin)	November 3

## 1890

Mrs. Jennie Martin	January 5
John B. Thomas	January 5
Mrs. Sarah A. Thomas	January 5
Benjamin F. Tinkham	January 5
Mrs. Hannah B. Tinkham	January 5
*Edith H. Dunbar (Baker)	March 2
Mrs. Lucy N. Lucas	March 2
*Lizzie B. Lucas (Cushman)	March 2
Florence E. Thompson	March 2
*Alma E. Bryant (Batchelder)	March 2
*Mabel H. Monroe	March 2
Gertrude A. Bearse	March 2
Mary E. Alcorn	March 2
*Nellie Chickering	March 2
Cora Childs	March 2
*Ida May Pettee	March 2
Mrs. Joanna C. Butman	March 2
Mrs. Josephine M. Roberts	July 6
Laura Ann Savery	July 6
*Lillian M. Monroe (Smith)	July 6
Betsey M. Thompson	September 7
*Arthur V. Smith	November 2
Mrs. Maud I. Ripley	November 2
*Flora D. Moranville (Mateson)	November 2
*Alice R. Ryder (Covington)	November 2
John N. Main	November 2
Mrs. Kate A. Main	November 2
Mrs. Sarah B. Cushman	November 2

## 1891

Annie W. Hathaway	January 4
Edward S. Hathaway	March 1
Henry K. Durfee	March 1
*Arthur B. Monroe	March 1
*Horace A. Vaughan	March 1
*Carrie E. Alden	March 1
*Arthur H. Leonard	May 3
*Rosella L. Clapp (Thompson)	May 3
*Alveretta Clapp (Gay)	May 3
*Emily M. Pratt (Bailey)	May 3
Flora M. Clark	May 3
*Lydia D. Kingman	May 3

*Carlena Luippold	May 3
Mrs. Abby L. Ellis	May 3
Mrs. Emma J. Sparrow	May 3
Moses H. Swift	June 11

#### 1892

Darius C. Wentworth	March 6
Mrs. Susie C. M. Corey	March 6
William L. Phinney	May 1
Sewell B. Elmes	May 1
Louisa H. Fuller	May 1
Mrs. Emma J. Bracken	May 1
Hannah May Dean	May 1
Mrs. Ivanette W. Hathaway	July 3
*Miriam Hathaway (Sampson)	July 3
*Mrs. Susie M. Witbeck	November 6

#### 1893

Mrs. Louisa F. Ellis	January 1
*Mrs. Emily M. Monroe	March 5
*George H. Bailey	March 5
Rev. R. G. Woodbridge	July 2
Mrs. R. G. Woodbridge	July 2
Frank B. Holmes	September 3
A. J. Jacoby	November 5
Mrs. A. J. Jacoby	November 5
Mrs. Mary W. Higgins	November 5
Mrs. Isabel H. Phinney	November 5
G. Emma Phinney	November 5

#### 1894

Charles M. Leonard	January 7
*Mrs. Elizabeth T. Leonard	January 7
Zenas E. Phinney	January 7
George H. Morrill	January 7
Mrs. George H. Morrill	January 7
Henry S. B. Smith	January 7
Mrs. Ophelia R. Smith	January 7
Mrs. Mary A. Alden	January 7
Mrs. Emily L. Soule	January 7
Kate E. Ford	March 4
Susan A. Dorrance (Ryder)	May 6
*Myra K. Leonard (Tillson)	May 6
Caroline H. Parker (Pillsbury)	July 1
Nellie H. Swift (Kenney)	July 1

#### 1895

Mrs. Mary C. Capen	January 6
William C. Holbrook	February 28
Mrs. Julia M. Holbrook	February 28
Mrs. Dorothy P. Tinkham	March 3
*Alice M. Alden	March 3
Jared F. Alden	March 3
Mrs. Susan M. Alden	March 3
Leonidas Dean	March 3
*Bertha E. Thomas (Griswold)	March 3
*Jennie R. Monroe (Gifford)	March 3
Mrs. Fannie B. Shiverick	March 3
*Mrs. Alace W. Gurney	March 3
Mrs. Almira J. Bennett	March 3
Mrs. Sylvia M. Tobey	March 3
Mabel L. Tobey (Jernegan) (Malik)	March 3
Charles E. Ripley	March 3
Mrs. Bessie W. Dunham	March 3
*Mattie M. Bennett	March 3
*Ruth H. Alden (Williams)	March 3
*Harry LeBaron Sampson	March 3
John A. White	March 3
Grace E. Bailey (Trees)	March 3
*Mrs. Florence T. Shaw (ThurLOW)	March 3
Mrs. Priscilla J. Brayton	March 3
Alvin C. Howes	March 3
Mrs. Clara P. Howes	March 3
Mrs. Laura L. Webb	March 3
Mrs. Mary C. Dyke	May 5
Mrs. Susie L. Monroe	May 5

#### 1896

Mrs. Lydia A. Doty	January 5
Everett W. Padelford	January 5
George W. Copeland, M.D.	February 27
Mrs. Julia H. Copeland	February 27
Archibald G. Churbuck	March 1
*Augustus M. Bearse	May 3
Lucy M. T. Brayton	May 3
*Mrs. Lillian I. Richardson	May 3
*George T. Richardson	May 3
*James R. Glidden	May 3



*Sumner B. Woodbridge	May 3
*Charles K. Woodbridge	May 3
*Annie M. Fielding (Reynolds)	May 3
*Florence E. Fielding	May 3
*Lillian G. Fielding	May 3
Mrs. Ann J. Merritt	May 3
Arthur P. B. Simmons	May 3
Albion W. Merritt	July 5
*Bertha E. Bryant (Pierce)	July 5

1897

Mrs. Mary H. Fryer	January 3
Lizzie E. B. Sparrow (Tillson)	January 3
*Clara M. Wood (White)	January 3
Amasa R. Glidden	January 3
William R. Mitchell	January 3
Mrs. Margaret M. Mitchell	January 3
*Frank M. Surrey	January 3
*Arthur H. Andrews	January 3
Mrs. Maria B. Standish	January 3
Mary L. Crane	March 7
*Joseph W. Hathaway	May 2
Mrs. Emmogene F. Moody	May 2
Lilla M. Place (Weeman)	May 2
Bessie E. Batchelder (Cronin)	May 2
Mrs. Sarah L. Pratt	May 2
*Helen E. Kingman	May 2
Edith M. Perkins	May 2
Richard G. Woodbridge, Jr.	May 2
*Agnes Woodbridge (Hale)	May 2
*Ethel F. Roberts (Dean)	May 2
*Mariquita P. Eddy (Clark)	May 2
Mary P. Glidden (Perkins)	May 2
*Irene H. Fielding (Bragg)	May 2
Wardell H. Roberts	May 2
Mrs. Rachel M. David	May 2
Mrs. Arabella Bourne	May 2
Luther B. Pratt	May 2
Theodore N. Wood	September 2
George A. Sampson	September 2
Mrs. Lucy C. Clifford	September 2
Elisha T. P. Jenks	November 7
Mrs. Edith R. Jenks	November 7
Mrs. Ida S. Witham	November 7

Lizzie May Witham (Thompson)	November 7
Charles F. Lyford	November 7
Mrs. Ida A. Lyford	November 7
Emerson F. Lyford	November 7
Delia R. Kingman (Tagliapietra)	July 4
Sarah B. Kingman	July 4
Marion K. Tillson (Pratt)	July 4
Helen M. Smith	July 4
Charlotte E. Flagg (Holmes)	July 4

1898

William O. Eddy	May 1
Harold C. Eddy	May 1
Harry B. Caswell	May 1
Annie Keith	May 1
Clara E. Parker	May 1
Warren E. Lovell	May 1
Mrs. Henrietta A. Lovell	May 1
Isaac H. Lane	June 26
Mrs. Sarah E. Harlow	June 26
Andrew Alden	June 26
Mrs. Abigail W. Alden	June 26

1899

Betsey Alden (Burkhead)	March 2
Rose Standish (Pratt)	March 2
Annie Woodbridge (Nissen)	March 2
Elsie W. Maxim (Whitcomb)	March 2
Mildred K. Glidden (Westgate)	March 2
Wilkes H. F. Pettee	May 7
Mrs. Susan W. Whitten	May 7
Jerusha B. Dean	May 7
Mrs. Ada E. King	July 2
David Pushee	July 2
Mrs. Hannah Pushee	July 2

1900

Walter Sampson	January 7
Mrs. Emma M. Sampson	January 7
Leonard O. Tillson	January 7
Clifton W. Tillson	January 7
Sallie B. Sears	March 4
Charles A. Clark	March 4



Mrs. Eliza D. Cook	March 4
William M. Fox	May 6
William R. Drinkwater	July 1
Mrs. Katie M. Drinkwater	July 1

#### 1901

Laura J. Eaton	January 6
W. Osgood Eddy	January 6
Mrs. E. Elizabeth Eddy	January 6
Lena M. Baldwin (Shaw)	March 3
Mrs. Nancy W. Briggs	March 3
Isabella M. Briggs (Wood)	March 3
Mrs. Helen M. Jackson	March 3
Winifred B. Jackson (Sparrow)	March 3
Mrs. Annie J. Morrison	March 3
Bessie Morrison	March 3
Addie Vickery (Hutchinson)	March 3
Mrs. Julia M. Wood	November 3
Mrs. Ann C. Robbins	November 3
Harry L. Andrews	December 29
Franklin S. Thompson	December 29
Mrs. Lucy M. Thompson	December 29
Mrs. Levista M. Pratt	December 29
Roy P. Jackson	December 29
Bertha R. Ritter (Manwaring)	December 29

#### 1902

Rev. Samuel M. Cathcart	October 30
Mrs. Harriet H. Cathcart	November 2

#### 1903

Mrs. Gertrude Z. McManus	May 3
Helen C. Ryder (Haley)	May 3
Mrs. Mabel Sherman	May 3
Carrie B. Armstrong (Cox)	May 3
Sarah A. Vickery (Logan)	May 3
Albert A. Thomas	May 3
Sarah H. Wright	May 3
Sadie T. Sherman (Cobb)	May 3
George F. Cox	May 3
Edwin A. Sherman	May 3
Benjamin W. Caswell	May 3
Mrs. Ella M. Caswell	May 3
Mrs. Ethel M. Marshall	May 3
Frederick A. Faucett	May 3

#### 1904

Harriet E. Pushee (Hatch)	January 10
Avis L. Ashley	January 10
Lucy F. Morse (Fuller)	January 10
Mrs. Lucy P. Greer	January 10
Ernest S. Pratt	January 10
John McNally	January 10
Mrs. Sarah R. McNally	January 10
Mrs. Mary McKenzie	January 10
Lena Ritter	January 10
Isaac F. Barrows	January 10
Mrs. Sarah L. Barrows	January 10
Mrs. Dora F. Dempsey	January 10
George A. Philbrook	January 10
Mrs. Mertise S. Philbrook	January 10
Levi O. Atwood	January 10
Mrs. Gertrude C. Atwood	January 10
Colin F. Holm	May 1
Mrs. Mary A. Holm	May 1
George A. Jones	July 3
Mrs. Minnie P. A. Jones	July 3

#### 1905

Mrs. Ella F. Moody	January 1
Flora L. Farnum (Perrin)	January 1
Grace Bennett	January 1
Stanwood W. Sparrow	January 1
Mrs. Beatrice E. Caswell	January 1
Mrs. Margaret Reeves	March 5
Elmer B. Cole	March 5
Mrs. Transylvania Pierce	July 2
Mrs. Dolena A. Johnson (Reynolds)	July 2
Harry M. Rogers	July 2
George E. A. Jones	July 2
Harold A. Lovell	July 2

#### 1906

Sereno A. Goodnow	January 7
Helen S. Jackson (Stover)	January 7
Mabel B. Sears (Barber)	January 7
Rev. William J. Robinson	January 7
Mrs. Sarah L. Robinson (Thompson)	January 7
Charles A. Sherman	March 4
Mrs. Nellie W. Sherman	March 4

Wilkes H. F. Pettee	March 4
Mrs. Lucetta W. Pettee	March 4
Clara B. Pettee (Read)	March 4
Ida M. Pettee	March 4
Mrs. MaBelle Cobb	September 2

1907

Mrs. Lena R. Haight	May 5
Charles L. Haight	May 5
William W. Tinkham	May 5
Mrs. Annie F. Tinkham	May 5

1908

Rev. Norman McKinnon	January 5
Mrs. Etta W. McKinnon	January 5
Mrs. Anna L. Simmons	January 5
Katie Ann MacDonald (Whorsely)	January 5

Gertrude M. Coombs (Lovell)	
(McLauthlen)	January 5

Irma H. Carleton (McKechnie)	January 5
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Mertie E. Philbrook (Witbeck)	January 5
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Grace M. Bryant	March 1
Florence M. Bryant (Crane)	March 1
Gladys M. Jackson (Gove)	March 1
Margaret O. Wood (Emerson)	
(Hayward)	March 1

Caroline S. Buck (Thornley) (Gay)	March 1
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Effie M. MacDonald (Maker)	March 1
Neil J. MacDonald	March 1
Mrs. Christina MacDonald	March 1
Ellen A. MacDonald (Raymond)	March 1

Jean I. Surrey (Atwood)	May 3
Sarah H. Surrey (Raymond)	May 3
Cyril F. Randall	May 3
John J. Fowler, Jr.	July 5
Mrs. M. Lillian Fowler	July 5

Mrs. Amelia E. Besse (Thompson)	September 13
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Martha F. Kraus (Ashley)	September 13
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Mrs. Edith M. Perkins	November 1
Mrs. Lottie F. Kennedy	November 1

1909

Charles L. Morse	January 3
Mrs. Velma F. Morse	January 3
Marion V. Morse	January 3
Edna L. Morse (Hampson)	January 3
Lester F. Morse	January 3
Walter J. Carter	January 3
Mrs. Addie B. Carter	January 3
Jessie Morrison	March 7
Margaret McAulay (Bradford)	March 7
Susie A. Pitman	March 7
Madeline A. Pitman (Baker)	March 7
Mildred W. Ashley	March 7
Pearl G. Ashley	March 7
Mrs. Catherine McAulay	March 7
Isabelle L. Pratt (Hall)	March 7
Louise B. Pratt	March 7
Harold A. Williams	March 7
Chester M. Witbeck	March 7
Parvagan Nenejaman	March 7
Laura C. Clough (Childs)	March 7
Harold R. Clark	May 2
Mrs. Mary L. Clark	May 2
William Chamberlain	May 2
Mrs. Annie C. Chamberlain	May 2
Annie McLeod	May 2
Mrs. Christina Matheson	May 2
Mrs. Christina Clough	May 2

1910

Susie Robbins (Rockwell)	January 2
Stella I. Robbins (Roach)	January 2
Josephine L. Glidden	January 2
Gladys A. Lovell	January 2
Edna M. Nourse (Carter)	January 2
Edith G. Bemis (Braley)	January 2
Herbert E. Godfrey	January 2
Clifton F. Babbitt	March 6
Mrs. Annie W. Babbitt	March 6
Mary A. Pierce (Mitchell) (Whitney)	May 1
Mrs. Mary W. Phinney	May 1
Mrs. Cora F. Soule	May 1
Albert G. Tinkham	July 3
Mrs. Huldah C. Tinkham	July 3
Bertha A. Benson (Beers)	November 6

# 1911

Sue M. Whitehouse (Thomas) January 1  
 Mrs. Esther M. Harthorne January 1  
 Charles S. Tinkham January 1  
 Mrs. Emma L. Tinkham January 1  
 Helen Tinkham (Wenstrom) January 1

# 1912

Parker H. Kennedy January 7  
 Frank E. Perkins January 7  
 Mrs. Sarah I. B. Perkins January 7  
 Mrs. Florence E. Jedermann January 7  
 Harold (Jedermann) Eddy January 7  
 Mrs. Lucia A. Thomas March 3  
 Mrs. Sarah S. Howes March 3  
 Anna S. Benson April 21  
 Abraham G. Newkirk November 3  
 Mrs. Gertrude Newkirk November 3  
 Francis T. Thurston July 7  
 Mrs. Marcia E. Thurston July 7

# 1913

A. Virginia Clough (Henry) May 4  
 Solon Robertson May 4  
 Mrs. Mary A. Robertson May 4

# 1914

Martin L. Saunders January 4  
 Mrs. Nettie E. Saunders January 4  
 Harold G. Saunders January 4  
 Edith M. Saunders January 4  
 Everett L. Saunders January 4  
 Alton G. Pratt January 25  
 Louisa B. Wood January 25  
 Mrs. Rhoda M. Rounds March 1  
 Madeline S. Smith (Alger) March 1  
 Elizabeth C. Smith (Alger) March 1  
 Mrs. Gertrude L. Dunham May 3  
 Ruth M. Cox (Harriman) May 3  
 Mrs. Mildred E. Wheeler May 3  
 Stella R. Pedigree (Koonz) May 3

# 1915

Mrs. Agnes E. McDowell January 24  
 Mrs. Emma J. Bracken May 2  
 Rev. Newell C. Maynard July 4

Mrs. Olive H. Maynard July 4  
 Eleanor B. Monroe (Mendall) July 4  
 David Burgess September 5  
 Mrs. Alice J. Ashley September 5  
 Alice E. Ashley September 5  
 William Murdock September 5  
 Mrs. Alice Murdock September 5  
 David Murdock September 5  
 Mrs. Maggie Murdock September 5  
 Lawrence Robinson November 7  
 Bertha Johansen November 7  
 Alice M. Atwood (Spencer) November 7

# 1916

Sarah Eileen Simmons (Kettle) January 2  
 Hazel L. Harthorne (Ufford) (Werner) March 5  
 Roderick G. Matheson March 5  
 Mrs. Achsah A. Bennett May 7  
 Zilpha C. Bennett (Sharples) May 7  
 Doris M. Penniman (Reed) May 7  
 Annie C. Matheson (Barstow) (MacLean) May 7  
 Helen C. Ryder May 7  
 W. Stanley Reeves May 7  
 Mrs. Ethel E. Fowler July 2  
 Eliza Jane G. Murdock September 3  
 Agnes McB. Murdock (Grantham) September 3  
 Alfred F. Tinkham September 3  
 Clara H. Reeves (Anderson) November 5

# 1917

Clyde S. Thomas January 7  
 Paul Green January 7  
 Siegfried Lindstrom January 7  
 Doris A. Lee (McNeil) January 7  
 Mrs. Estella D. Lee January 7  
 Augustus C. Ratthei March 4  
 Anna M. Ratthei March 4  
 Alice C. Ratthei March 4  
 Martha E. Ratthei (Keighley) March 4  
 Samuel N. Shiverick March 4



Elsie R. Keyes	March 4
Eleen Richardson (Wells)	March 4
Nellie I. Kennedy (Heath)	May 6
Rose A. Haskell	December 30
Georgia A. Haskell	December 30

1918

Rev. Joseph B. Kettle	May 5
Mrs. Grace Kettle	May 5
Joseph G. Kettle	May 5
Albert G. Mathers	May 5
Mrs. Amy E. Mathers	May 5
Grace E. Mathers	May 5
Arthur W. Reed	June 2
Mrs. Martha A. Reed	June 2
Elwyn B. Lynde	June 2
Mrs. Mabel W. Lynde	June 2
Mrs. Rispah J. Thomas	November 3
Angeline Candella (Bell)	November 3

1919

Ray C. Towne	March 2
William I. Burdett	March 2
Mrs. Anna H. Burdett	March 2
Mrs. Lavinia F. Benson	March 2
Mrs. Edna L. Bailey	March 2
Mrs. Zarina Z. Stevens	March 2
Mrs. Mabel E. Duncklee	March 2
Mabel Persis Weeman (Kettle)	
(Maran)	March 2
Mrs. Elizabeth Walker	March 2
Robert C. Washburn	March 2
Mrs. Annie Washburn	March 2
Mrs. Anna Leland	September 4
Mrs. Florence R. Bailey	September 7

1920

Bernice L. Robbins (Richards)	
	January 4
Mrs. Jessie Morrison (Reed)	
	January 4
Mrs. Annie McM. Kettle	January 4
Mrs. Bernice Perkins	May 2
Edith E. Volkman (Poland)	May 2
Frances A. Gifford (Whitney)	May 2
Annie D. Lee (Washburn)	May 2
Mrs. Christina M. Besse	May 2
Mrs. Nellie K. Nourse	September 5

Mrs. Lelah M. B. Hathaway	
	September 5
Doris H. Robbins	November 7
Mrs. Avis C. Johnson	November 7

1921

Madeline D. Coombs	January 2
Susan S. MacDonald	January 2
Flora A. Hathaway (Dwyer)	
	January 2
Mrs. Ella F. Thompson	January 2
Rev. Richard G. Woodbridge	
	January 2
Mrs. Annie Woodbridge	January 2
David R. Walker	January 2
Mrs. Margaret A. Walker	January 2
Elsie M. Haskins (Blake)	May 1
Florence H. Gaskin (Bacon)	May 1
Carolyn H. Blanchard	May 1
Alice A. Fosberg (Northway)	May 1
Mrs. Mary A. MacDaniel	May 1
Mrs. Ida B. White	July 3

1922

Grace Atwood (Holden)	May 7
Marion N. Atwood	May 7
Rose Anita Atwood	May 7
Harold M. Babbitt	May 7
Eva B. Brennan	May 7
Margaret E. Brennan	May 7
Esther E. Bryant	May 7
Mrs. Bessie W. W. Chandler	May 7
Mrs. Cyrenia B. Clark	May 7
Mrs. Alice R. Cunningham	May 7
Virginia Cunningham (Smith)	May 7
Lynette D. Duncklee (Harlow)	
	May 7
Madeline A. Duncklee (Owens)	
	May 7
Mary M. Eddy	May 7
Charles L. Farrington	May 7
Mrs. Catherine E. Farrington	May 7
John F. Garfield	May 7
Benjamin K. Glidden	May 7
Mrs. Dorothy H. Glidden	May 7
Lewis F. Harding	May 7
Mrs. Lucretia C. Harding	May 7

Wilson G. Harlow	May 7	Joseph F. Westgate	May 7
Mrs. Lucy E. Harlow	May 7	John T. Weston	May 7
Adnah H. Harlow	May 7	Mrs. Alicia W. Weston	May 7
Roger M. Harthorne	May 7	George E. Wheeler	May 7
Howard C. Holden	May 7	John R. Thompson	May 7
Mrs. Jennie M. Holden	May 7	Mrs. Lillian M. Thompson	May 7
Arthur Holden	May 7	Mathilda Anderson	May 7
Frederick P. Holden	May 7	Ruby Garnier	May 7
Harry W. Howes	May 7	Norris E. Bray	May 7
Mrs. Dorothy S. Howes	May 7	Mrs. Florence M. Bray	May 7
John G. Howes	May 7	Rev. John P. Garfield	May 7
James H. Kennedy	May 7	Mrs. Julia O. Garfield	May 7
George E. Kennedy	May 7	Owen R. Garfield	May 7
George D. Lee	May 7	Mrs. Emma J. Tisdale	May 7
Gwendolyn M. Mackillop (Kuppers)		Mrs. Ella D. Howland	May 7
	May 7	Mrs. Ellen S. Standish	May 7
Lucile B. Mackillop	May 7	Mrs. Nellie Brennan	May 7
William C. P. MacNeil, Jr.	May 7	Orrin R. Smith	July 2
Mrs. Lucinda P. McLeod	May 7	Madeline M. Read (Meade)	July 2
Nelson A. Manwaring	May 7	Gladys E. Shaw (Bousquet)	July 2
Anna M. Manwaring (Fiske)	May 7	Mrs. Etta Pitman	July 2
Helen F. Manwaring (Jackson)		Mrs. Lydia L. Surrey	July 2
	May 7	Ruth P. Wood	July 2
Charles F. Martin	May 7	Mrs. Ella F. Shaw	July 2
Mrs. Mabel W. Martin	May 7	Charles A. Shaw	July 2
Catherine E. Pearce (Fielding)			
	May 7		1923
Earl C. Raymond	May 7	Hattie B. LeBaron	June 24
Louis Ritter	May 7	Hattie M. Peavey (Hallett)	June 24
Mrs. Edith M. Ritter	May 7	Louise M. Robbins	June 24
Alice I. Robinson (Shaw)	May 7	Mrs. Lura A. Gilpatrick	June 24
John B. Savage	May 7		
Mrs. Janet H. S. Savage	May 7		1924
Benjamin C. Shaw	May 7	Harry A. Aghaian	May 4
Mrs. Lizzie N. Shaw	May 7	Mrs. Nuvart Aghaian	May 4
Chester L. Shaw	May 7	Abraham Bezzian	May 4
Evelyn M. Sherman (Davis)	May 7	Inezetta Bradley (Fosberg)	May 4
Mrs. Antonina A. Simkus	May 7	Howard Chase	May 4
William J. Thibault	May 7	Doris Davoll	May 4
Mrs. Inez N. Thibault	May 7	Garabed Dejermerian	May 4
Ichabod B. Thomas, Jr.	May 7	Amy E. Furbish	May 4
Fred D. Towne	May 7	Winthrop R. Manwaring	May 4
Mrs. Emma J. Towne	May 7	Agop Marangossian	May 4
Albert D. Walker	May 7	Kevosk Panossian	May 4
Marion A. Weeman (Howland)		Barbara Pratt (Zink)	May 4
	May 7	Merle C. Riggs	May 4
		Robert Sellman	May 4



Eleanor Shaw (Belmont)	May 4
George E. Weeman	May 4
Walter R. Weeman	May 4
Mrs. Annie D. Cuzner	September 14
Paul S. Nickerson	November 2
Mrs. Edith M. Nickerson	November 2

1925

Evelyn L. Bailey (Elliott)	May 3
Fletcher L. Barrows, Jr.	May 3
Ernest M. Cuzner	May 3
Carolyn D. Dennett (Lockwood)	May 3
Ruth L. Dunham (Jefferson)	May 3
Anna C. Eddy	May 3
Frances Goodrich	May 3
Annie Karos	May 3
Harriet M. Kennedy	May 3
Mrs. Mary F. Luke	May 3
Lillian M. Merrihew (Kelley)	May 3
Frederick Parmenter	May 3
Dorothy E. Sylvia	May 3
Etta M. Tessier	May 3
Newman Thibault	May 3
Samuel G. Wells	May 3
Thomas Weston	May 3
Mrs. Sarah K. Hallock	May 3
Harriet L. Johnson	May 3
Edwin B. Ruggles	May 3

1926

Franklin A. Pierce	May 2
Mrs. Josephine G. Pierce	May 2
Mrs. Grace Broadbent	May 2
Mrs. Elsie A. Sears	May 2
Ruth E. Duncklee (Sukeforth)	May 2
Dorothy M. Broadbent (Fredette)	May 2
Arthur J. Jackson	May 2
Mrs. Ivy B. Jackson	May 2
Elizabeth McDonald	May 2
Dorothy S. Maranville	May 2
Lewis A. Wells	May 2
George N. Harlow	May 2
Mrs. Margaret S. Fulwiler	May 2
Arthur W. Fulwiler	June 27

Elwyn B. Lynde	June 27
Mrs. Mabel W. Lynde	June 27

1927

Erville D. Blandin	May 1
Matthew W. Hanscomb	May 1
Hollis C. Jackson	May 1
Albert Jones	May 1
Alwin C. Jones	May 1
Stella H. Robbins (Eddy)	May 1
Nathalie I. Thibault (Crowell) (Lowe)	May 1
Geraldine Stafford (Wood)	May 1
Charles F. Jones	May 1
Mrs. Gladys M. Jones	May 1
Eunice I. Jones	May 1
Walter A. V. Smith	May 1
John C. MacDonald	May 1
Miriam MacDonald	May 1
George S. Lang	May 1
Mrs. Louise A. Lang	May 1
Phyllis F. Brown	May 1
Mrs. Alice M. Jones	May 1

1928

Harry R. Belmont	May 6
Mrs. Marion T. Belmont	May 6
Robert I. Belmont	May 6
Arthur L. Cerda	May 6
Carmen Cerda (Salter)	May 6
Dorothy E. Childs (Ryder)	May 6
Frank O. Crosier	May 6
Mrs. Ednid S. Crosier	May 6
Mary Joy Crosier	May 6
Harlas L. Cushman	May 6
Mrs. Viola M. Cushman	May 6
Ethel Hanscomb (Manwaring)	May 6
Barbara Hathaway (Medeiros)	May 6
Jeanette F. Howes (Ferguson)	May 6
Paul R. Horsman	May 6
Mrs. Martha J. Horsman	May 6
John B. Howes	May 6
Barbara H. Lovell (Levine)	May 6
Hazel M. Marble (Hopkins)	May 6
Ivan R. McLeod	May 6
Thelma McLeod (Lewis)	May 6
Mrs. Emma C. Morrison	May 6



Myron E. Orcutt	May 6
Mrs. Florence S. Orcutt	May 6
Forest R. Perkins	May 6
Bertha Pierce (Covell)	May 6
Evelyn M. Pierce	May 6
Ernest Spencer	May 6
Philip W. Stafford	May 6
Mrs. Bessie McL. West	May 6
Edward L. Perry, M.D.	May 6
Mrs. Addie O. Perry	May 6
Harold T. Buxton	May 6
Mrs. Marion W. Buxton	May 6
Frederic Lanyon	May 6
Mrs. Florence W. Lanyon	May 6
Mrs. Laura W. S. Pearson	June 24
Mrs. Anne C. Rand	June 24
Mrs. Alice E. Shurtleff	June 24
Elizabeth F. Walker	June 24

1929

Mrs. Hazel N. Oliver	January 6
Mrs. Mary C. Drew	May 5
Frank J. Scheufele	May 5
Mrs. Marion F. Scheufele	May 5
Bertha A. Manwaring	May 5
Allan A. Witbeck	May 5
Virginia W. Caswell (Jennings)	

May 5

Warren B. Washburn	May 5
Reginald S. Washburn	May 5
Richard S. Howes	May 5
Abbie E. Monan (Seaver)	May 5
Anna M. Cox	June 30
Margaret E. McDowell (Wicksten)	

June 30

James Murdock	June 30
Mrs. Edna M. Murdock	June 30

1930

Marjorie R. Brennan	May 4
Mrs. Mary B. Brennan	May 4
Mrs. Alice Broadbent	May 4
Robert K. Broadbent	May 4
Albert Carey	May 4
Abby R. Field	May 4
Raymond D. Hardy	May 4
Dorothy Howes (Randall)	May 4

Robert Murdock	May 4
Helen D. Pearson (Robbins)	May 4
Reuben R. Summers	May 4
Mrs. Matilda R. Summers	May 4
Myron B. Thomas	May 4
Helene E. M. Von Berg (Wright)	
	May 4
Grace A. Weeman (Howard)	May 4
Doris E. Weeman (Marien)	May 4
Mrs. Doris C. Weeman	May 4
Walter J. Weeman	May 4

1931

George N. Duncklee	May 3
Richard L. Dunham	May 3
Parker Holden	May 3
Agnes M. MacDonald	May 3
Stuart R. Main	May 3
Louise A. Meier (Hornby)	May 3
Donald A. Morrison	May 3
Bernard J. Owens	May 3
Madeline Shaw (Corey)	May 3
Ella C. Shultz	May 3
Nye A. White	May 3
Josephine F. White	May 3

1932

Thalia S. Drake (Jillson)	April 24
Verna E. Howes - (Pierce)	April 24
Boyd A. Iseminger	April 24
Harriet H. Iseminger	April 24
Charles K. MacDonald	April 24
Katherine M. Morrison	April 24
Arthur B. Pearson	April 24
Laura B. Pearson	April 24
Beatrice I. Perkins	April 24
Ellen A. Perkins (Hinckley)	April 24
Ruth G. Rand	April 24
Frank M. Raymond	April 24
Lenora E. Gould	April 24
Mildred L. Swanson	April 24
Nina M. Weeman	April 24

1933

Mrs. Carrie I. Crane	January 1
Marjorie L. Barstow	May 7
Frederick W. Eldridge	May 7

Richard A. Rockwood	May 7	Clarence E. Harris	May 3
Mrs. Helen L. Whitcomb	May 7	Mrs. Dorothy W. Harris	May 3
		Nathalie Hathaway (McNeeland)	
1934			May 3
Marguerite F. Beal	May 6	Shirley Pearson (Benson)	May 3
Robert J. Beal	May 6	William N. Perkins	May 3
Earle H. Berry	May 6	A. Kingman Pratt	May 3
David W. Burgess	May 6	Samuel P. Shaw	May 3
Verna M. Cuzner (Taylor)	May 6	Barbara Soule (Bigelow)	May 3
Adelaide E. Edwards	May 6	Ronald G. Thatcher	May 3
Grant B. Hadsell	May 6	Richard L. Tilden	May 3
Benjamin S. Howes	May 6	Mrs. Barbara M. Tilden	May 3
James H. Jennings	May 6	Mrs. Gladys A. Wales	May 3
Armen G. Kayajan	May 6	Nye A. White	May 3
Nelson W. Palmer	May 6	Andrew M. Wood	May 3
Ruth W. Thomas	May 6	Raymond H. Wood, D.M.D.	May 3
Elmore LeR. West	May 6	Mrs. Ernestine B. Wood	May 3
1935		1937	
Harvey T. Belmont	May 5	Rev. David J. Julius	January 3
Louise Bowman (MacKenzie)	May 5	Mrs. Dorothy B. Julius	January 3
Philip C. Chandler	May 5	Mrs. Charlotte A. Howes	May 2
Ralph W. Cromwell	May 5	Mrs. Jessie M. Witbeck	May 2
Iva L. Cromwell	May 5	Mrs. Gladys Dimock	June 20
Robert A. Crosier	May 5	Mrs. M. Lazelle Drake	November 7
Beverly T. Fish (Murray)	May 5	Mrs. Alice E. Norris	November 7
Donald K. Fish	May 5		
William E. McDowell	May 5	1938	
Marshal Maranville	May 5	Maynard H. Goodridge	May 1
Mrs. Eva H. Perkins	May 5	Mrs. Gertrude M. Goodridge	May 1
Thomas C. Salter	May 5	Helen Ferguson	May 1
Mrs. Almeda B. Standish	May 5	Mrs. Elsie L. Wheeler	May 1
Mrs. Alida W. Hanscom	May 5	Charles Merrill	June 26
Edward J. Fleming	May 5	Mrs. Mildred Merrill	June 26
Pauline Harris (Deane)	May 5	Mrs. Ralph W. Baker, Jr.	June 26
Mrs. Annie B. McDowell	November 3	Mrs. Lillias M. Buck	November 6
Ruth J. McDowell	November 3	Malcolm D. Buck	November 6
Harold G. Waite	November 3	Edna M. Corayer (Olson)	
Harriet F. Waite	November 3		November 6
		Grace E. Corayer	November 6
1936		Christie B. Crowell	November 6
Mrs. Mildred F. Oglesby (Barden)		Arnette F. Hayward (Lavallee)	
	January 5		November 6
Mrs. Leila M. Allen	May 3	Hazel H. Read	November 6
Arthur H. Doane	May 3		
Mrs. Laura P. Doane	May 3	1939	
Phyllis Elliott (Draghetti)	May 3	Arthur B. Alden	April 2
Thomas Elliott	May 3	Dorothy E. Alden (Chisholm)	April 2

David M. Clark	April 2
Edward K. Cromwell	April 2
Roger H. Glidden	April 2
Francis L. Keith	April 2
Grace F. Logan (Sinclair)	April 2
John B. Lynde	April 2
Barbara W. Maynard	April 2
Glenice A. Perkins (MacNeill)	April 2
Russell W. Perkins	April 2
Stewart A. Washburn	April 2
Robert T. Westgate	April 2
Leon Bogigian	May 7
Araxie Bogigian	May 7
Mildred Hadfield	May 7
M. Alice Jones	May 7
Esther M. Spooner	May 7
Mrs. Dorothy M. Clark	May 7
Mrs. Alice M. Nute	May 7
Mrs. Lucy L. Jacobs	May 7

1940

Joseph B. MacAllister	January 7
Mrs. Alice MacAllister	January 7
James M. Bonnar, M.D.	January 7
Mrs. Lillian S. Bonnar	January 7
Sylvia C. Drake	March 17
Thalia M. Farrington (Soule)	March 17
Richard L. Glidden	March 17
Marjorie G. Holt	March 17
Betty LeBlanc	March 17
Constance L. Maynard	March 17
Joseph W. McAllister	March 17
Elizabeth B. McDowell	March 17
Anne L. McDowell	March 17
Elaine Norris (Grenier)	March 17
Gifford Phillips	March 17
Virginia R. Richmond (Winterson)	March 17
Katherine F. Soule	March 17
Beverly A. Trites (Murphy)	March 17
Joan Berry (Brown) (Osborne)	March 17
J. Douglas Johnston	September 15
Mrs. Dorothy D. Johnston	September 15

Frank E. Minott	September 15
Mrs. Mary P. Minott	September 15
Arnold Melin	November 3
Mrs. Barbara H. Melin	November 3

1941

Charles E. Haley	June 29
Mrs. Helen C. Haley	June 29
Claire N. Twinam, M.D.	October 5
Mrs. Claire W. Twinam	October 5
Kurt Jellinek, M.D.	October 5
Mrs. Mary Jellinek	October 5

1942

Donald R. Kinzie	January 4
Mrs. Susanna B. Kinzie	January 4
Marion C. Deane (Butterworth)	January 4
Edith C. Deane (Dodenhoff)	January 4

Brenton S. Ayers	March 1
Mrs. Ann W. Ayers	March 1
Stanley D. Benson	June 28
Mrs. Barbara K. Chamberlain	June 28
Russell A. Chamberlain	June 28
Mrs. Dorothy S. Greer	June 28
Nelson R. Greer	June 28
Alice Howes	June 28
Mrs. Stella S. Morrison	June 28
Mrs. Louise M. Thatcher	June 28
Mrs. Martha A. Thomas	June 28
Elliott Whitney	June 28
Mrs. Myrtle B. Whitney	June 28

1943

Mrs. Lois L. Babbitt	April 4
Frank L. Barstow, Jr.	April 4
William N. Beal, Jr.	April 4
Donald L. Bowles	April 4
Richard H. Drake	April 4
Shirley J. Gaskin	April 4
Jane A. Keith	April 4
James S. Kenyon	April 4
Frederic L. Lincoln	April 4
Virginia S. Perkins	April 4
Frederic J. Perry	April 4
John B. Rice, Jr.	April 4



Winona J. Tessier	April 4
Donald C. Shaw	April 4
Mrs. Sadie Cobb	June 27
Harry G. Norris	June 17
Joann Wheaton	June 27

1944

Charles B. Deane	March 5
Mrs. Pauline Deane	March 5
Mrs. Edith W. Gove	March 5
Mrs. Virginia Hochwald	March 5
Harvey C. Thomas	March 5
Mrs. Elizabeth M. Thomas	March 5

1945

Ernest T. Morgan	January 7
Mrs. Marjorie E. Morgan	January 7
George J. Rogers	January 7
Mrs. Marjorie E. Rogers	January 7
Jean Anderson	March 25
Watson W. Baker, Jr.	March 25
Marguerite Burnham	March 25
Helen Joy Cobb	March 25
Anne Goodridge	March 25
Patricia Goodridge	March 25
Roger G. Eldridge	March 25
Mrs. Roger G. Eldridge	March 25
Mrs. Gladys H. Holt	March 25
Paul R. Horsman	March 25
Jean Hornby	March 25
Phyllis A. Holt	March 25
Claire Jeanne Rice	March 25
Betty Lou Tessier	March 25
C. Mansfield Whitney	March 25
Robert B. Wood	March 25
Leon A. Hayward	March 25
Mrs. Leon A. Hayward	March 25
Fred Boothman	March 25
Mrs. Fred Boothman	March 25
Charles C. Whitney	March 25
Jo Anne M. St. Amand	May 6
Olive Beal	May 6
Mrs. William M. Beal	May 6
Ivan B. Sparrow	May 6
Mrs. Florence S. Sparrow	May 6

1946

Malcolm C. Drake	April 18
Mrs. Marian B. Drake	April 18
Paul D. Harris	April 18
Mrs. Elinor P. Harris	April 18
Mrs. Louise L. Maxim	April 18
Mrs. Lorena Eayrs	April 18
Mrs. Josephine C. Battis	April 18
William F. Shaw	April 18
Mrs. Lilla M. Shaw	April 18
Mrs. Ella Gammons	April 18
Phyllis Hueneke	April 18
Rev. Ralph B. Edwards	April 18
Mrs. Miriam Edwards	April 18
Douglas Edwards	April 18
Mrs. Alice C. Harlow	April 18
Ingvald Hansen	April 18
Richmond M. Gifford	April 18
Mrs. Mildred Gifford	April 18
Mrs. Gertrude G. Martin	April 18
John F. Martin	April 18
Frank Whitney	April 18
Raymond H. Wood, Jr.	April 18
John Alger	April 18
Robert Perkins	April 18
Richard Greer	April 18
Craig Matheson	April 18
Duane Wheeler	April 18
Richard Jefferson	April 18
Clyde S. Thomas, Jr.	April 18
Mrs. Frances L. Jones	April 18
Martha L. Thomas	April 18
Nancy Rice	April 18
Barbara Smith	April 18
Jean DeMoranville	April 18
Mrs. Barbara Hale	June 2
Henry M. Davis	June 2
Mrs. Henry M. Davis	June 2
Mrs. L. Maud Lincoln	June 2
Mrs. Myra A. Shaw	June 2
Anne H. Andrews	June 2
Mrs. Doris M. Maynard	June 2

\* Persons living in 1947 who united with the church fifty years or more ago.

Number of members, 1847 - 1947, 1566

MANUAL  
of the  
CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
in  
MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.

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NAME

This organization shall be called the Central Congregational Church.

CHARACTER

This Church is independent in its organization, in its government, and in the management of its affairs. It is amenable to no other ecclesiastical body except by its own consent, and according to the regular and established principals of Congregational Church Polity.

This Church will extend to, and receive from all other Christian Churches that fellowship, advice and assistance which the law of Christ requires; and it recognizes its duty and privilege to join with sister churches of the same faith and order in the various councils, conferences, and associations which are customary among them.

Believing no other organization necessary, this Church is associated with no parish, or other religious society, but of itself conducts all its affairs.

## FORM OF ADMISSION

“What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me?

I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Dearly beloved, called of God to be his children through Jesus Christ our Lord, you are here, that, in the presence of God and his people, you may enter into the fellowship and communion of his Church. You do truly repent of your sins; you heartily receive Jesus Christ as your crucified Savior and risen Lord; you consecrate yourselves unto God and your life to his service; you accept his word as your law, and his Spirit as your Comforter and Guide; and trusting in his grace to confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, you promise to do God’s holy will, and accepting, according to the measure of your understanding of it, the system of Christian truth held by the churches of our faith and order, and by the church into whose fellowship you now enter, you promise to walk with this church in the truth and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We thus receive you into our membership. We welcome you to the fellowship that is in Christ. We promise with you to watch over each other in Christian love, and by our mutual assistance and prayers to seek to advance the cause and kingdom of our blessed Redeemer.

God grant that, loving and being loved, serving and being served, blessing and being blessed, we may be kept by the power of God through faith, unto salvation, and strengthened to bear worthily the name of him who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood.

“Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will,



working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

NOTE. The Minister may use any other form of admission that commends itself to his judgment and the judgment of the Church, if it contains in substance the same truths as here expressed.

## CREED

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, goodness and love; and in Jesus Christ his Son, our Lord and Savior, who for us and our salvation lived and died and rose again and liveth evermore; and in the Holy Spirit, who taketh of things of Christ and revealeth them to us, renewing, comforting, and inspiring the souls of men. We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures, and in our purpose to walk in the way of the Lord, made known or to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church of Christ to proclaim the Gospel to all mankind, exalting the worship of the one true God, and laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the triumph of peace, and the realization of human brotherhood. Depending, as did our fathers, upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the kingdom of God; and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness and for life and glory everlasting. Amen.

**CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**Middleborough, Massachusetts**

**BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I—MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. This church recognizes the right of all who are in spiritual fellowship with Christ, to membership.

Section 2. The membership of this Church shall consist of such persons of hopeful Christian experience as, after due examination and after proposal from the pulpit on some Lord's day prior to that of reception, are accepted by vote of the Church and assent to its covenant and by-laws. Membership shall begin ordinarily on some Lord's day.

Section 3. The continuance of membership shall be subject to the principles and usages of Congregational Church polity.

Section 4. Members removing from the watch and care of this Church, or habitually worshiping elsewhere, shall apply to the Pastor or Clerk for letters of dismission and recommendation to some particular Church. Such applications shall be announced at one of the weekly meetings of the Church, and if, at the end of ten days after the announcement has been made, no objection has been offered, or cause shown why the request should not be granted, the Clerk shall issue certificates in the usual form, which shall be valid for one year.

If the Church shall decline to grant the letter, complaint shall be filed against the applicant within ten days afterward, and in default thereof he shall be entitled to his letter, which shall be granted him by the Clerk.

Section 5. If any member shall withdraw from our communion for any reason not involving immoral or unchristian conduct, or deliberate breach of the covenant, the Church may at such time and in such manner as it deems best, drop such member's name from the roll without censure, by vote, reciting the facts,

Section 6. This Church considers immoral or unchristian conduct, deliberate breach of the covenant, or the effort to disseminate essential error, sufficient cause for discipline; and if persisted in after proper ad-

monition, for excommunication. In such a case it shall be the duty of the Church Committee to adjust the difficulty if possible, but if they fail in this they shall present the matter to the Church in a written report. If the Church votes to entertain the complaint, a written statement of the charges shall be communicated to the offender at least ten days before he shall be required to appear before the Church for trial.

Section 7. No member shall be deprived of Church privileges except in an orderly manner, and after due notice from the Church as provided in Section 6, this article. No vote of censure or excommunication shall be passed except upon the concurrence of three-fourths of the legal voters of the Church present at any regular or special meeting.

## ARTICLE II—OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

The Officers and Committees of this Church shall consist of a Pastor, six Deacons, a Clerk, a Treasurer, a Superintendent of the Sunday School, a Church Committee which shall consist of the Pastor, six Deacons, and Superintendent of the Sunday School, and an investment Committee which shall consist of the Treasurer, the Chairman of the Standing Committee and three other members, one of the said three other members to be chosen for one year, one for two years, and one for three years at the annual meeting to be held in 1916, and one to be chosen for three years at each annual meeting thereafter, and a Standing Committee which shall consist of three members one to be chosen at each annual meeting whose term of office shall be three years.

### ARTICLE II SECTION I—REVISED APRIL 1, 1924

The Church shall also at its annual meeting, choose a Collector and an Auditor to serve under the direction of the Standing Committee; and shall choose a Music Committee, a Committee on Religious Education, and a Missionary Committee, each of three members, one to be chosen at each annual meeting whose term of office shall be three years, and under the same conditions as to qualifications for the office as those applied to the Standing Committee, (See Sect. 7, Art. 2.)

Section 2. The Officers and Committees of this Church with the exception of the Pastor, shall be chosen at the annual meeting to serve for one year, (except as otherwise provided) and until others are chosen



and qualified. The term of office of Deacon shall be three years, two of whom shall be chosen at each annual meeting. No Deacon having served the full term of three years shall be eligible for re-election for one year.

The pastor shall be a member of this Church and shall be chosen by a vote of two-thirds of all the voting members present at a meeting called for that purpose. His term of office shall continue until terminated by a notice of at least two months from either party.

Section 3 In case of the death, resignation, or removal of any officer of this Church, the Church Committee and Standing Committee acting together shall have power to appoint some person to fill the vacancy until his successor is duly elected.

Section 4. The duties of the several officers shall be those appertaining to their respective offices with annual detailed reports in writing covering the preceding financial year, from the Clerk, the Superintendent of the Sunday School, and (properly audited) from the Treasurer.

Section 5. The Clerk shall keep a distinct and full record of all business transactions of the Church; a record of the time and mode of the reception and dismissal of members; of the baptisms; shall conduct all the correspondence of the Church, shall issue letters of dismissal and recommendation in accordance with its votes; shall preserve its archives, which shall be open for inspection at all proper times by any member of the Church.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall receive, hold and disburse, according to the direction of the Standing Committee, except as otherwise provided, all moneys or securities belonging to the Church, or contributed by the Church and Congregation for missionary or benevolent purposes; also all money contributed by the Sunday School for any purpose; and expend the same according to its direction. He shall keep books of account in which shall be entered each item of receipts or disbursements. He shall keep separate accounts as follows: (1) Moneys raised for the object of Christian benevolence, to be paid by him to the several persons or societies entitled thereto; (2) Moneys raised for the support of public worship, subject to the order of the Standing Committee. The invested funds of the Church, including all property given to the Church with the understanding or condition that the income only of said funds shall

be used, shall be kept and invested by the Treasurer under the direction of the Investment Committee and the Treasurer shall report annually the investment of said funds and the amount of income therefrom.

Section 7. The Standing Committee shall have general care and management of the property of the Church and of the financial affairs, other than charitable or benevolent, except the invested funds of the Church: the appointment of Ushers and Janitors, of the raising of moneys for the support of public worship, and the manner thereof, in the absence of action by the Church; and perform such other duties as legally belong to such a committee in religious societies. No member of the Standing Committee having served the full term of three years shall be eligible for re-election for one year. The Standing Committee shall as soon as may be after each Annual Meeting of the Church organize for the ensuing year by the election of a Chairman and shall forthwith notify the clerk in writing of such election. The Chairman of the Standing Committee shall be ex-officio a member of the Investment Committee.

Section 8. The Church Committee shall examine candidates for admission to the Church; decide upon objects for public benevolent contributions, when the Church does not act thereon; provide temporary supplies for the pulpit; have regard to discipline; the administration of relief for the poor; shall decide all questions relative to the use and occupancy of the Church edifice; and generally shall have cognizance of the spiritual affairs of the Church.

Section 9. The Teachers and other necessary Officers of the Sunday School shall be appointed by the Superintendent with the advice and consent of the Church Committee. The course of instruction shall be determined by the School with the approval of the Church Committee.

Section 10. The Investment Committee shall have the oversight and management of the invested funds of the Church, shall examine all securities held as a part of said funds at least annually, shall have power to sell, and dispose of any of the property or securities belonging to said funds and to re-invest the same, no purchaser to be answerable for the application of the purchase-money and shall have power in their discretion to apportion between the principal and the income of such funds any extra dividends, rights, stock dividends, or other receipts from such investments which might otherwise be regarded as income, and to charge against the income and credit to the principal of said funds such amounts



as may be necessary to off-set any loss in principal on account of the purchase of bonds at a premium.

Section 11. The Committee on Religious Education shall co-operate with the Superintendent of the Church School and with other officers and committees appointed by the Superintendent in initiating and carrying out the program of religious education in the Church.

Section 12. The Missionary Committee shall have general charge of promoting the benevolences determined upon by the church, shall suggest and carry out plans for missionary education, throughout the church and devise and put into operation plans for the raising of money for their purposes and in general forward the missionary interests of the church.

### ARTICLE III—MEETINGS

Section 1. The Lord's Supper shall be administered on the first Sunday in January, March, May, July, September and November; and the Thursday evening next preceding each may be occupied as a preparatory service.

Section 2. Meetings for worship shall be held each Sunday Morning and EVENING, and on each THURSDAY EVENING; and at either of such meetings it shall be competent for the church, without special notice, to act upon the appointment of delegates to councils or conferences of churches.

Section 3. The Church Committee may temporarily suspend any meeting provided in Section 2, and may temporarily substitute or add other meetings at their discretion.

Section 4. Services of an unusual nature shall be held only by consent of the Church Committee.

Section 5. The business meetings of this Church shall be an Annual Meeting, an Annual Roll Call of the Members, and such special meetings as may be called in accordance with Section 10 of this Article.

Business may be transacted at the close of the regular prayer meeting of the Church, but not after the Preparatory Lecture, except the admission of members duly propounded by the Church Committee.



Section 6. The Annual Meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday of April in each year—the hour and place to be specified in the warrant—for the presentation of reports, the choice of officers, the raising and appropriation of money, and the transaction of any business that may legally come before the meeting. Said meeting shall be called by the Standing Committee, who shall issue a warrant for the same to the Clerk, directing him to notify and warn the voting members by posting an attested copy of said warrant in some conspicuous place on or in the meeting house at least seven days before the holding of said meeting, and no business shall there be transacted the subject matter of which is not specified in the warrant. Notice of this meeting shall also be given from the pulpit. The Financial year of the Church shall close on the thirty-first day of March in each year.

Section 7. (Annulled by vote of the Church, April 1, 1895.)

Section 8. The Annual Roll Call of the members of this Church shall be held on the day of the Annual Meeting, every member being duly notified thereof at least one week previous; and it shall be the duty of every member to answer either in person or by letter at this meeting; and the neglect of this requirement by any member for three successive years shall be deemed a sufficient cause for belief on the part of the Church that fellowship with us has been abandoned; and for dropping such person from our membership as provided in Section 5, Article 1.

Section 9. The Pastor may, from the pulpit, call a special business meeting for such purposes as do not require a notification in the manner prescribed by law, and he shall call such meetings when requested by the Church Committee.

Section 10. Special meetings for the transaction of business required by law to be notified by legal warrant may be called by the Standing Committee in the same manner as the Annual Meeting, and the committee shall call such meeting on the written request of seven members of the Church entitled to vote; at such a meeting no business shall be transacted the subject matter of which has not been specified in the warrant.

Section 11. In the special business meetings noted in Section 9, this Article, the Pastor, or in his absence, the Senior Deacon present, may preside.

Section 12. At all business meetings, except those of Section 9, this Article, a Moderator shall be chosen; and fifteen members shall be necessary for a quorum, except that a less number may adjourn a meeting to a fixed date.

Section 13. Such resident members as are in full and regular standing and do not hold letters of dismission, and have attained the age of twenty-one years, and such only, may act and vote in the transactions of this Church.

#### ARTICLE IV—SOCIETIES WITHIN OR CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH

The members of this Church may organize and maintain, either by themselves or with the assistance of well-disposed persons not members, various societies for the assistance of the Church in its religious or benevolent work. These societies may, with the consent of the Church Committee, use the Church edifice as a place of meeting, and may select their officers and system of working; but the officers shall be persons acceptable to the Church Committee. All such societies shall make a yearly report to the Church at the Annual Meeting.

#### ARTICLE V—AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be altered or amended by the concurrence of two-thirds of the voting members present at any meeting called by the Clerk in the manner prescribed by law, the proposed amendment being stated in the notice of the meeting.

Section 2. Thirty members shall constitute a quorum under this Article.

Section 3. These articles of faith may be altered by a vote of two-thirds of the voting members of the Church present at an Annual Meeting; notice of the intention to propose alterations and a statement of the substance of such alterations having been submitted at a previous business meeting and duly stated in the warrant calling such Annual Meeting.

# ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

May 2, 3, 4, 1947

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## PROGRAM

### FRIDAY EVENING—HISTORICAL NIGHT

Readings from the history of the church

Musical Program—A Century of Music

### SATURDAY EVENING—NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT

#### ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

After dinner speaking, with a program at  
eight o'clock in the auditorium presenting a speaker

### SUNDAY MORNING

Centennial Sermon, followed by Communion

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON—ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Speaker

Special music

Tea in vestry under direction  
of the White Church Guild



## CENTENNIAL COMMITTEES

### GENERAL COMMITTEE

Co-Chairmen—Mrs. Mertie E. Witbeck - Elwyn B. Lynde  
George R. Austin                      Mrs. Kenneth Maker  
Mrs. Harry R. Belmont              Roderick Matheson  
Stanley D. Benson                   Mrs. Ernest E. Maynard  
Mrs. James H. Burkhead            Mrs. Frank Minott  
Mrs. Ralph B. Edwards            William J. Thibault  
Mrs. Clarence E. Harris            Albert A. Thomas  
Mrs. John G. Howes                Mrs. Albert A. Thomas  
Mrs. Kurt Jellinek                  Joseph C. Whitcomb  
Mrs. Albert Jones                  Theodore N. Wood  
Rev. Ralph B. Edwards, exofficio

### FINANCE

Albert A. Thomas, Chairman        Elwyn B. Lynde  
Lewis F. Harding                    Roger W. MacDonald  
Boyd A. Iseminger                  Alton G. Pratt  
James H. Kennedy                  H. LeBaron Sampson  
A. Vincent Smith, M.D.

### PROJECT AND MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Joseph C. Whitcomb, Chairman      Frank Minott  
Russell A. Chamberlain              Harry G. Norris  
Clarence E. Harris                   Charles A. Sherman  
John G. Howes                        Mrs. Theodore N. Wood  
Mrs. E. T. Peirce Jenks              Raymond H. Wood, D.M.D.

### RECEPTION AND HOSPITALITY

Mrs. Kenneth Maker, Chairman      Mrs. Edward L. Perry  
Mrs. George R. Austin                Mrs. Chester L. Shaw  
Mrs. James H. Kennedy                Mrs. William J. Thibault

### USHERS

Roderick G. Matheson, Chairman    Adnah H. Harlow  
Ralph W. Cromwell                   George N. Harlow  
Kurt Jellinek, M.D.

### PROGRAM

#### MUSIC

George R. Austin, Chairman        Mrs. Charles B. Deane  
Harry R. Belmont                    Mrs. Allan M. Hale  
Charles B. Deane                    Myron B. Thomas  
Mrs. Joseph F. Westgate

#### SPEAKERS

Stanley D. Benson, Chairman        Allan M. Hale  
Mrs. Boyd A. Iseminger              James M. Bonnar, M.D.  
Ernest S. Pratt

#### PAGEANT

Mrs. Ralph B. Edwards, Chairman    Christie B. Crowell  
Miss Anne H. Andrews               Mrs. Clyde S. Thomas  
Mrs. James M. Bonnar                Mrs. Raymond H. Wood

## BANQUET

### DINNER

Mrs. Albert A. Thomas, Chairman	Mrs. Charles A. Sherman
Mrs. Ralph W. Cromwell	Mrs. I. Bradford Thomas
Mrs. William T. Tillson	

### AFTER-DINNER SPEAKERS

Theodore N. Wood, Toastmaster and Chairman  
Clyde S. Thomas      E. L. Perry, M.D.

### INVITATIONS

Mrs. Clarence E. Harris, Chairman	Mrs. Joseph C. Whitcomb
Mrs. Stanley D. Benson	

### TICKETS

Mrs. Albert Jones, Chairman	Mrs. Joseph B. MacAllister
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### MUSIC

Mrs. Harry R. Belmont, Chairman	Mrs. Myron B. Thomas
Chester L. Shaw	

### TEA

Mrs. Frank Minott, Chairman	Mrs. Roger W. MacDonald
Mrs. Harold C. Bailey	Mrs. George I. Oliver
Mrs. Arthur D. Benson	Mrs. Albert F. Rockwood
Mrs. Russell A. Chamberlain	Mrs. Orville Walker
Mrs. John H. Holt	Mrs. Harry G. Norris

### HISTORICAL EXHIBIT

Mrs. James H. Burkhead, Chairman	Mrs. Henry W. Sears
Grace I. Paun	Mrs. A. Vincent Smith
S. Ida Paun	William T. Tillson
Miss Sue Pitman	Horace A. Vaughan
Mrs. H. LeBaron Sampson	Mrs. Horace A. Vaughan

### DECORATIONS

Mrs. Kurt Jellinek, Chairman	Miss Esther Spooner
Mrs. Lewis F. Harding	Miss M. Alice Jones

### PUBLICITY

Mrs. Ernest E. Maynard, Chairman	Miss Helen A. Kingman
Thomas Weston	

### PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. Ernest S. Pratt, Chairman	Mrs. Reginald S. Drake
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### TRANSPORTATION AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR VISITORS

Mrs. John S. Howes, Chairman	Mrs. Elwyn B. Lynde
Mrs. Paul Jones	Joseph B. MacAllister
I. Bradford Thomas	















